

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Leake Thursday, a fine boy. Dr. W. H. Bynum, of German-ton, was a visitor here Friday.

Dr. W. V. McCanless and children are spending a few days in Winston-Salem this week.

Mrs. W. E. Joyce and Miss Janie Martin spent the day Monday in Greensboro.

R. R. King and M. O. Jones each treated themselves to a nice automobile the past week.

Miss Lemma Martin, of Sandy, Ridge, spent a short while here yesterday enroute to Germanton.

A large drove of cattle from Carroll county, Va., were seen here yesterday enroute to the market in Winston-Salem.

C. A. Hauser, Stokes county's representative in the last Legislature, had the misfortune last week to lose a good barn of tobacco by fire.

Geo. H. Fulton, of Walnut Cove, one of the proprietors of the Walnut Cove Motor Co., was a visitor here yesterday. He is this week putting on a sale of Firestone and Oldfield automobile tires.

While no public announcements have been made so far, it is learned on good authority that there are two weddings to take place in the immediate future in which two Danbury young people are to play very important parts.

Dr. R. H. Morefield, of King Route 1, was among the visitors here today. Dr. Morefield and wife spent a good part of the summer at Moore's Springs, but have returned to their home.

Local hunters recently killed the two pet squirrels of "Chunk" Dodson, near Danbury. Mr. Dodson is highly indignant over the loss of his squirrels.

22,191 Marriages And 1,317 Divorces

Washington, Sept. 7.—There were 22,191 marriages performed and 1,317 divorces granted in North Carolina during the calendar year 1922, according to returns received by the bureau of the census and announced by the department of commerce.

During 1916 the last year for which these statistics were compiled by the bureau of the census there were 21,337 marriages and 668 divorces in North Carolina.

No divorces were granted in 1922 in nine counties of North Carolina, according to the report of the bureau of the census, which is subject to correction, the report being only preliminary. These counties are Clay, Dare, Davie, Hyde, Hoke, Onslow, Pender, Polk and Tyrrell. Numbering 93, Buncombe county had the largest number of divorces, according to the report, which places Forsyth county second in this list with 89 divorces and Mecklenburg county third with 88 divorces.

The statistics for the report on marriages and divorces in 1922 were furnished the bureau of the census by the clerk of the superior court of each county. The report for counties in the Piedmont section follows:

In Ashe county there were 112 marriages and 10 divorces; in Alleghany, 97 and 4; in Davidson, 285 and 10; in Davie, 131 but no divorces; in Forsyth, 822 and 89; in Guilford, 915 and 83; in Iredell, 317 and 8; in Randolph, 224 and 12; in Rockingham, 36 and 12; in Rowan, 375 and 30; in Stokes, 123 and 3; in Surry, 279 and 13; in Wilkes, 232 and 6; in Yadkin, 138 and 1.

OLIVER J. SANDS ON THIRD PAYMENT

In Reply To Letter From W. J. Byerly He Offers Explanation As To Why Third Payment Is Not Forthcoming.

From time to time there has been much speculation among the farmers and others interested as to when the members of the co-operative association would receive the third payment for their tobacco. At the time the members delivered their tobacco to the association they were advanced a sum supposed to represent about one-third the value of the tobacco. A few weeks later they received the second payment which was a trifle less than the first. This all happened back in time. Since which time the third payment has been expected at any time.

The Bank of Mount Airy is a depository for the association and W. J. Byerly, president of this bank, has kept in close touch with the activities of the association all along. Recently he took the matter of the third payment up with the higher officials of the association. In answer to his letter he received a communication from Oliver J. Sands, of Richmond, a leading banker and financier of the South, and who is executive manager of the association.

The following paragraphs from Mr. Sand's letter to Mr. Byerly deals with the tobacco situation in general and especially with the third payment subject and will be of interest to all who are connected with the association as well as to the public:

"Dear Mr. Byerly: Your letter of the 26th inst. received. I appreciate very much your interest in the association. We are all occupying the same position in that we want to do something to make tobacco bring a fair price every year. In 1920 the average price was about 20c; in 1921 it averaged \$21.40; and in 1922 it will average about 26c. When you consider that we had 60 million pounds more tobacco in 1922 than in 1921 and that our exports fell off \$4 million pounds there is certainly good ground to make claim that co-operative marketing made the price in 1922. In fact a great many experienced men told me that tobacco would not have brought more than an average of 18c had it not been for this association.

We have already paid the farmer members of the association throughout your district an average of almost 20c per pound. We have on hand probably 14 million pounds of "Old Belt" tobacco; all of the better grades and on which we have borrowed 50 per cent of the appraised value.

If we can sell it at our prices, and this we are determined to do, we will be able to pay the farmers in the "Old Belt" somewhere between 5 and 7 cents average in addition to what they have received. It would therefore appear that the next payment should be about 80 per cent of the first payment. The farmers, bankers and business men have not to realize that the orderly marketing of tobacco is the exact opposite of the dumping system, and that if we sell this tobacco at a fair price we must not push it on the market.

We are in a very strong position, as the tobacco we are hold-

ing is of high quality and much better than the average of 1923, and it will be in demand and at good prices.

We have recently made a large sale to one of the Export companies at our prices. Our sales department feels they will sell the rest that way if the pressure from the members is not too great.

I have talked to thousands of people within the last month, and whenever these facts are put up to them, they have approved the policy of the association. We are changing from a system which has been established for three-hundred years. Our first year has proven everything that is claimed for it. If we will stand together and fight it out along this line, we will surely win. It takes a considerable amount of those opposing this system, and to appreciate its advantages, but we have the demonstration made for us by Kentucky and now we have the practical first year's experience. The markets have opened at good prices this year. It is generally believed that farmers of South Carolina are getting twice as much for their tobacco as they could have expected had the old system been in full swing. The fact that this association is in a position to withhold large quantities of tobacco from the market is of benefit to everybody who raises tobacco, and if we can make the tobacco and cotton growers of the South prosperous, there is no doubt about the rest of us.—Mt. Airy News.

Ex-Register of Deeds N. Earl Wall, of Greensboro, was a business visitor here Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Dodson and daughter, Miss Agnes Dodson, of Winston-Salem, spent the week end here with Mrs. N. A. Martin, sister of Mrs. Dodson.

OLD COINS WANTED

If you have any old, well preserved pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, halves or dollars lying around doing you no good let us make you an offer on them. Will pay face value or more, according to age of coin. You will find buyer at Danbury Reporter office, Danbury, N. C.

FOR RENT OR SALE.

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Shore Mercantile Co. King, N. C.

WE CAN'T BOAST TOO MUCH

Buncombe County and Asheville Furnish Proof That It Pays Handsomely—The Tax Books Tell the Tale.

University News Letter.

There are a few people in the State who claim we are doing too much boasting in North Carolina. We have been likened unto a man with new plumbing installed in his house who is anxious to show it off to the neighbors. If there is a new bath tub in the house we see no reason for not telling the family about it.

Happily there is nothing of that feeling in Buncombe county. If there is a county in the State that advertises its wares it is Buncombe. If there is a city in the South that tells the world of its fine points it is Asheville. Neither hides her light under a bushel. The total valuation of real and personal property in Buncombe in 1920 was \$88,010,201. This year it is reported to be \$110,301,836, a gain of \$22,291,368 in three years! There are a good many counties in the State that would be proud to have as much on the tax books as Buncombe has gained in taxables since 1920. Many counties have less taxable wealth today than in 1920. Not so with Buncombe. She shows a large increase each year; perhaps larger gains than any other county in the State.

Buncombe and Asheville are organized to tell the world what awaits it in the Land of the Sky. Western North Carolina, Inc., is a

child of Buncombe and Asheville and is being brought up by the capable Dr. Pratt. The tax books of Buncombe present a mighty strong argument in favor of boosting your community and your State.—S. H. H., Jr., in the Asheville Citizen.

Crop Prospects Are Very Encouraging

Washington, Sept. 11.—Abundance of rain in the corn belt this summer has resulted in a better corn crop than expected earlier in the season, but decreased threshing returns and the ravages of rust caused a drop in the estimated spring wheat crop, it was shown in crop estimates issued today by the department of agriculture.

The forecast, based upon the conditions of the spring wheat, was 221,000,000 bushels, or about 4,000,000 bushels less than estimated on Aug. 1, by department experts. This brought fall wheat estimate to 789,000,000 bushels, as compared with the previous figure of 793,000,000 bushels.

This corn crop was estimated at a yield of 3,076,000,000 bushels, which exceeds by 94,000,000 bushels the estimate based upon the crop condition August 1, but oats showed a decrease of 4,000,000 bushels from last month's estimate, being 1,312,000,000 bushels against 1,816,000,000.

Other important crops showed only slight increases or decreases from a month ago. Those showing increases included white and sweet potatoes, tobacco, flax seed, hay and apples, while rice, barley,

peaches, peanuts, and grain sorghum were under August 1 estimates.

Ford Company Makes Immense Profits

New York, Sept. 5.—The Ford Motor Company made net profits estimated at \$54,000,000 equal to about \$315 a share on its 172,465 shares of stock, in four months ended June 30 last, according to compilations made from the balance sheet as of that date, it was learned today.

The period's earnings were at the annual rate of more than \$162,000,000 or about \$945 a share compared with a net profit of \$119,000,000 or about \$690 a share, earned in the year ending February 28 last. In the twelve months ended February 1922, the company earned approximately \$69,000,000 or about \$400 share.

Danbury Route 1 News.

Danbury Route 1, Sept. 4.—The farmers of this section are busy taking care of their tobacco at the present.

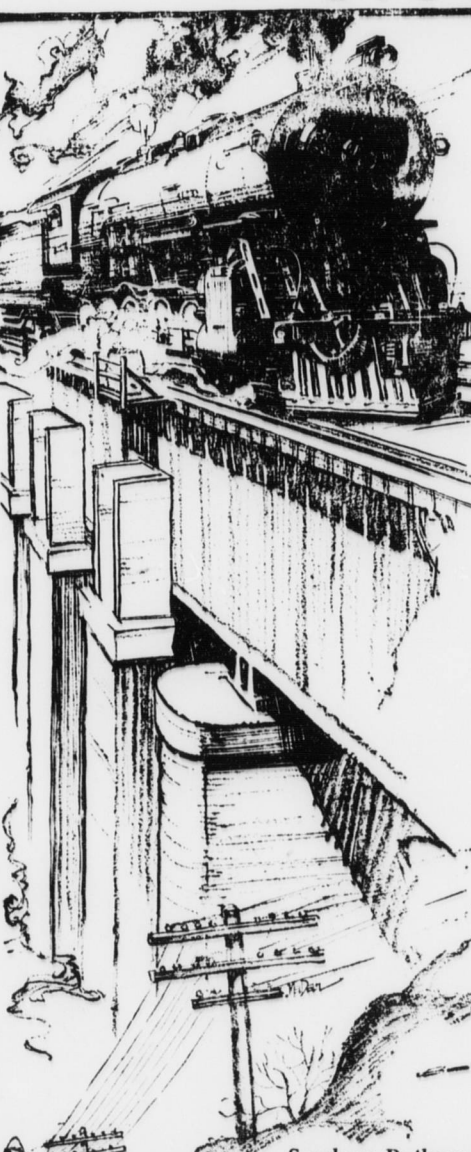
The Old Primitive Baptists held their regular meeting at Piney Grove church last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. F. Sherrill spent the week-end at Moore's Springs.

Elder J. A. Fagg and family spent the week-end with his father, W. J. Fagg.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bennett, who has been suffering for some time with typhoid fever, is improving rapidly, we are glad to note.

# SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM



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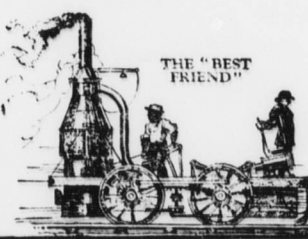
From the Ohio and the Potomac to the Gulf, from the Atlantic to the Mississippi, the far-flung rails of the Southern reach across twelve states with 40,000,000 inhabitants.

The Southern serves the South—from the northern gateways at Washington, Cincinnati and Louisville—and the western gateways at St. Louis and Memphis—to the ocean ports of Norfolk, Charleston, Savannah, Brunswick and Jacksonville—and the Gulf ports of Mobile and New Orleans.


Operated by men of the South, who have been bred in its traditions to understand its problems and its needs, the Southern keeps pace with the South. The investment in its properties is now more than \$710,000,000, of which \$285,000,000 has been expended in the past two decades.

With the continued cooperation of the people of the South, we will be enabled to command the capital for the greater transportation facilities that Southern development will inevitably demand.

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Southern Railway System last year spent in the South \$20,000,000 more than it received from the South.



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