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**FARM OWNERSHIP**

The extension of the University of North Carolina just completed a study of the ownership of farms in North Carolina.

A mass of figures has been gathered from the 1920 census, and these show that in the state 66 per cent of all white farmers and 29 per cent of all negro farmers own their farms. The white tenants in the state number 68,487 and the negro tenants 63,917.

White ownership rates are highest in the mountain, tidewater and central hill counties, where the farm population is sparse, land not so high and conditions most suitable for diversified farming. White tenancy prevails in the densely populated coastal plains area, and the northern and southern hill counties, where land is high and cash crops rule supreme.

Dare county has the largest ratio of white farm owners, 96 per cent. Scotland foots the list of counties with 30 per cent of her farmers owning their land. Alleghany's percentage is 87. Wilkes, 81. Yadkin, 80. Surry, 71. Stokes, 57. Forsyth, 74.

**A Complaint**

A complaint has come to this office regarding the practice of a few people who clean off their own cemetery lots by throwing trash and refuse on some other lot which may be apparently neglected, but which probably contains the remains of a former citizen whose loved ones may be distant or so situated that they cannot have the lot looked after as they would like.

One lady reports almost a dry load of rubbish removed recently from the lot where her mother is buried, and thinks it manifestly unfair to have her mother's resting place used as a dumping ground.

If each party would dispose of the rubbish which accumulates on his own lot, carrying it out of the cemetery, there would be no chance for it to blow back on your own or your neighbor's lot, and the silent city of the dead would be a more sightly place.

**A Balloon Passes Over Surry**

For several days there has been much speculation on the part of citizens of Surry county about a mysterious balloon that passed over last Friday morning. It seems that this thing first made its appearance early Friday morning down in the Westfield section. The dawn was just breaking and a farmer spied it just over his barn yard when he went out to feed. The air was very still and the balloon was almost motionless and it was near enough to the ground for him to hear the occupants ask him if breakfast was ready. The balloon finally got into a draft and was carried on to this city passing over about 6:30, but it was then at a high altitude and no one could distinguish anything concerning it.

About two hours after leaving Mt. Airy telephone calls began to come to The News office asking for information about a balloon that was then in the western part of the county and which appeared to be in distress. It seems that up about Doughton it struck another still place in the air and remained in that neighborhood for two or three hours. The people came out in force and imagined that they could hear a woman in it crying for help. But there was nothing that the onlookers could do to come to her rescue if indeed she was calling for help. As time went by a shift of the winds carried the balloon on up the side of the Blue Ridge and over into Alleghany where it was lost to sight and disappeared as mysteriously as it appeared on that early Friday morning.

Some are of the opinion that it was one of these racing balloons on one of the long distance flights that are made every year some where in the United States. It will be remembered that the famous balloonist, Ralph Upton, won the long distance prize a year or so ago when he was forced to land near this city after a long flight from up north, and it may be that this balloon was occupied by parties trying to make a record flight.

Dr. H. B. Rowe is now at his home on North Main street after a stay of several weeks in Martin Memorial hospital where he underwent an operation. He is able to sit up most of the time and his many friends are pleased to note that he is improving steadily.

Joe W. Johnson has returned to his home here after being a student in the State college at Raleigh for the past term.

**Work on Bank Building.**

For several days onlookers have been very much interested in watching the operations on the new building of the Bank of Mount Airy. Last week the large concrete mixer finished pouring the concrete floor. The machine used in this work is the one that will do the state work about this city and it was a new sight to see it perform, mixing wagon loads of cement, sand and rock at one time.

With the floor laid workmen have been going everything prepared to raise the granite columns that go in the front. One of these columns was brought over from the quarry Tuesday and is said to weigh about six tons. They are round and have a very fine surface cut. They measure 16 feet long and the entire height including base and cap when erected will be twenty feet. Many have been impressed with the fine quality of work of the columns and much speculation has been going on as to just what one of them cost. It is the opinion of stone men who are familiar with such work that a column such as is being placed in the new building would cost about \$1,200, although laymen who are guessing place their mark at various figures ranging from \$250 to \$2,000.

Another interesting feature about this building will be the installation of the vault. It has been shipped from the factory in York, Pa., and will be placed before the walls of the building are erected. The door to this vault is of circular form, about eight feet in diameter, 12 inches thick and weighs several tons. In bringing it from the depot it is estimated that several days will be consumed in the work as it will have to be brought on rollers up the street with a windlass like is used in moving a large building. When this heavy work is put in the building will be rushed to completion.

**Fred Folger Prosecuting in Recorders Court.**

Attorney Fred Folger has been appointed prosecutor in the Recorders Court in this city by Judge Lewellyn. Fred has recently graduated from the University of North Carolina and is now associated with his father, J. H. Folger, in the law practice. He is taking care of the interest of the state in his prosecutions in an able manner. And it is noticeable that he goes about the conduct of his cases in a cool, quiet and confident way.

**Information For Motorist.**

C. W. Andrew, manager of the Blue Ridge Hotel, has installed in the lobby a complete set of maps that gives information concerning the roads of the country. There are several of these maps, one of the North Carolina highway system, and of the western states showing the continental routes from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Mr. Andrew has installed this outfit for the convenience of motorists and any one desiring information will be gladly shown these maps.

**Work on First Baptist Church.**

Workmen are making rapid progress on the new addition being built to the First Baptist Church. The roof is now almost finished and it will only be a few weeks until the new structure will be put into use. This new addition was made necessary on account of the rapid growth of the Sunday school of this church, and will be used exclusively to take care of that part of the church work. It is two stories high with an assembly room on each floor, together with a large number of class rooms. This new addition is expected to take care of the needs of the Sunday school for several years and will cost about \$10,000.

**Veterans' Dinner**

The local chapter U. D. C. will give their annual dinner to the Veterans at the high school building next Saturday.

An address with music will be given at 11 a. m. to which the public is invited. This will be followed by the dinner to the Veterans. All Veterans are urged to be present.

**Death Claims Father of M. M. Carter**

William T. Carter, who for 53 years was with the Southern Railway, and its predecessor the Richmond and Danville railroad, died at his home in Danville, Va., May 19 aged 72 years.

Mr. Carter was an expert accountant and for many years traveling auditor, going over the whole system. Two years ago he retired because of poor health.

His wife, two daughters and nine sons survive him, among them are M. M. Carter of this city and E. W. and J. S. Carter of Winston-Salem.

Mrs. W. D. Haynes is attending commencement exercises at the A. & E. college, Raleigh this week. While in Raleigh Mrs. Haynes is the guest of Mrs. J. C. Van Lasingham.

**Commencement.**

The old, but ever new commencement season is with us. Old because we have it every year, but new because of the constant change in the young people making up the graduating classes.

The high school graduates as usual are the center of attraction and surely no finer group of young people could be found than those making up the class of 22-23.

The baccalaureate sermon at the First Baptist church, Sunday night by Dr. H. K. Boyer, was a wonderful inspiration to them, and no doubt they will carry the thoughts received there through the coming years as they face life's duties and responsibilities.

Monday night was devoted to the exercises at the North Main street school, and the twenty-six graduates, from the grammar grades, gave an excellent program, the capacity of the auditorium being taxed to accommodate the patrons of the school who were present for the event.

Class day exercises Tuesday night at the high school auditorium gave the visitors an opportunity to learn something of the personnel of the graduating class.

The welcome address by the class president, music, statistics, poem, forecast of the future, last will and testament, and presentation of gifts all having the savor of originality and spice of youth made the program one of gripping interest.

Wednesday evening the exercises will be held in the Rockford street school, when a musical play will be given and twenty-nine pupils who finish the grammar grades there will receive their certificates promoting them to the high school.

Thursday evening the high school graduates will give their class play and an admission will be charged. The play is entitled "The Wren" and much careful work has been done in preparation for it.

Hon. Oliver Cromwell Cox, of Greensboro, will deliver the annual address to the graduates Friday evening. Miss Mary Leslie Powell will deliver the valedictory and the diplomas will be presented. Special music will feature this last night's exercises.

Those composing the graduating class are Misses Beatrice Martin, Mary Leslie Powell, Myrtle Dobbins, Lettie Gwyn, Mary Council, Mary Moore, Minerva Moore, Louise Rothrock, Dorothy Creveling, Elsie Winfrey, Ethel Brim, Lucile Walker, Alma Webb, Dorothy Davis, Margaret Inman, Della Atkins. Charles Brendle, Raymond Bailey, Rush Johnson, Claude Jones, Fred Saunders, Porter Graves, Jr., Morris Hatcher, Warren Davis, Jr., Lester Haynes, Charles Haynes, Cordell Sumption.

**High School and Hospital Graduates Honored**

A get-together meeting of the members of the Woman's Club will be held in the Blue Ridge hotel dining room the evening of June 8 when the girls of the high school graduating class, the Martin Memorial hospital graduate of the nurse training department, and the winning team of the attendance contest of the economics department of the club will be honorees.

Except for the honorees it will be a subscription affair and tickets will be on sale the last of this week at \$1 each.

Club members are urged to buy their tickets early so that the hotel management may know in advance just how many to expect and prepare for.

A program of local talent is being arranged and a delightful evening is anticipated.

**Brim Route 2 News**

Rev. Roy Smith filled his regular appointment at Unity church Sunday afternoon.

Several people from here attended the communion meeting at State Line Sunday.

Miss Lucy Mathews of The Hollow Va. is spending a few days with her brother Boyaden Mathews.

Mrs. H. T. Jessup is visiting her son C. H. Jessup of Peters Creek, Va. Miss Lucy Rogers spent the week end with relatives at Peters Creek, Va. Rev. J. M. Nester and family of Woodville visited Mrs. Nester's father J. F. King Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Emma Goin and Mr. Vester Noah were married Sunday May 27 Rev. Roy Smith officiating.

**Wedding Invitations Received**

Invitations as follows have been received by relatives and friends here. The groom-to-be is the youngest son of Col. J. S. Ball of this city. "Dr. and Mrs. William G. Cranford request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Lillian Estelle to Mr. James Monroe Ball on Tuesday afternoon, June the twelfth (between hundred and twenty three at five o'clock, First Baptist church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina." "At home after July the first, 726 North Cherry street."

**RUMSHIP CARRIES GUN TO USE IT IF NEEDED**

**Most Unusual For Merchant Vessel to Mount a Business-like Gun on Aft Deck**

Norfolk, May 28.—Guns mounted on the aft deck of the steam yacht Istar, coast guard officials declared today, may bring international complications to bear upon the activities of the rum fleet off the Virginia coast.

It was reported here today that officers on board cutters off the coast guard patrol sighted a gun mounted on the Istar a few days ago. The gun, according to Capt. D. F. A. Deotte, head of this division of the coast guard service, was described as either a six pounder or a three-inch rifle, and was mounted aft. The gun was covered with canvas, it was said, when the Mascoutin, coast guard tug, went alongside for observations.

According to international law, Captain Deotte said, yachts are permitted to carry guns for saluting purposes, but these guns are usually designated as one-pounders and are mounted forward.

Presence of guns aboard the rum runners, Captain Deotte said, was a matter to be referred to the state department for inquiry of the British authorities why a vessel flying the British flag is permitted to lie at anchor just outside the restricted zone of Americans waters with a gun mounted aft. The matter will be referred to Washington, Captain Deotte said.

Coast guard officials today had instructions to seize the British auxiliary schooner Monarch, is she should pass within the three-mile zone for any purpose. She is suspected of being a rumship and of carrying liquor under guise of legitimate commodities.

The Monarch is expected, it is reported, to appear off the Virginia coast within the next few days and if she attempts to enter port, revenue cutters will take her in tow. She has not figured in the activities of the rum fleet off the capes, heretofore.

The coast guard cutter Manning was withdrawn from the patrol off the coast today to proceed with the launch Relief to Washington, to be on duty at the capitol during the Shrine convention. The Manning carried a detachment of sailors from New Bern, N. C., who will be used as a guard around the treasury building. Captain Deotte will go to Wash-

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ington Friday. He will supervise the races and other aquatic events of the water carnival.

The Manning was replaced by the cutter Yamacraw, from Savannah, in the rum fleet blockade. There will be no relaxation in the vigilance of the coast guard, it was announced today, and coast guard stations along the beach, as well as revenue craft, have been instructed to be on the alert for small boats that may attempt to smuggle liquor ashore from the liquor squadron.

There was no trace of the rum ships off the capes today, but it is believed that the Istar and sister craft have withdrawn to sea temporarily, awaiting a propitious time to renew their efforts to discharge the cargoes of imported whiskies.

**Scouts Have Strong Ball Team**

The base-ball team of the local Scout troop is much stronger this year than last. They have won 10 games out of 11 played and have won all of their last 8 games. The entire squad is hitting and fielding at a big league gait and the pitching staff, composed of Capt. Hatcher, Wyrick, Folger and Dobbins; are pitching consistent and sometimes brilliant ball. A total of 174 hits; including six homers, 9 triples, and 33 two-baggers; have resulted in 169 runs in 11 games. While doing this they have held their opponents to 77 scores. The members of this squad up till the present date are Capt. Hatcher, Folger, Partridge, P. Wyrick, A. Wyrick, Morse, Gunter, Roberts, Martin, Byrd, Jarvis, Perkins, Schafer, Dobbins and Carpenter. Martin suffered a broken bone in his leg in a game on May 14 and has been out of all games since than date.

**NOTICE OF RESALE**

By virtue of an order made by the Clerk of the Superior Court in that cause entitled "J. H. Morris and others against Robert Bryant and others, ordering resale of the lands described in the petition and judgment in this cause on account of a five per cent bid having been filed I will offer for sale to the highest bidder at the court house door in Dobson, on

the First Monday in June 1923, at 1 o'clock, P. M.,

it being the 4th day of June, the following real estate to wit: A certain tract of land lying and being in Surry County, North Carolina, Dobson Township, adjoining the lands of Philemon Hodge and others and described in deed from W. L. Reece, Commissioner, to J. H. Folger, said lands containing 70 acres more or less.

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