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NEWS IN SHORT FORM SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE.

State

—At a meeting of the tax supervisors of the state, held in Raleigh last week, it was brought out that between 70 per cent and 80 per cent of the real estate of North Carolina has been revalued. In Pitt and Wayne lands averages \$100 an acre; in Wilson, \$110 an acre and Lenoir comes up in the class with these.

—Two plaster paris casts, molded on the feet of the defendant, will be relied upon to a great extent by the state in its efforts to convict Caleb Collier, a negro, charged with first degree burglary, in connection with the \$2,000 jewelry robbery that occurred last July at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Tompkinson in Durham.

—Thomas Price, alias "Old Tom Dowd" was convicted last week in federal court at Raleigh on a charge of blowing the safe of the West Durham postoffice, afterwards getting away with a rich haul in stamps and money. The robbery of the postoffice occurred several years ago, although the trial was postponed pending the time when Price would complete a sentence in the federal penitentiary at Raleigh.

—Democrats who heard Lieutenant Governor Gardner at Hickory last week thanked him for "calling" J. F. Newell of Charlotte for what was declared to be the worst speech ever heard. Mr. Newell had offered to tell his hearers a secret, informing them that the democrats no longer boast of the President, and his secret was that Mr. Wilson is insane and had been crazy for several months. His speech was along that line.

—Had Paul Jones, Edgecombe farmer, voted for himself in the Farmer's union convention at Greensboro last week, the vote between he and R. W. H. Stone of Guilford county for the presidency of the union would have been a tie and the retiring president, Dr. H. Q. Alexander, would have had the privilege of casting the deciding vote for Mr. Stone. As it was, defeated by Stone, the vote being 57 to 58.

—Expenditures of more than \$2,000,000 at army camps and aviation fields at a half scale places in southern states were approved tentatively Saturday by the house in considering a bill, making funds available for the war department to complete military projects scattered throughout the country. For Camp Bragg, N. C., the house approved the largest single expenditure at any of the southern camps. There, the department was authorized to spend \$1,128,000 in carrying out plans for buying land. Construction of a road between the camp and Fayetteville, costing \$25,000 also was provided, as also \$20,000 for buildings now partly completed.

General

—The Republicans will hold their convention at Chicago June 8.

—All the Illinois Republicans in congress at a meeting in Washington joined in a statement presenting and endorsing Governor Lowden for the presidential nomination.

—A warrant was issued in Kansas City, Saturday, for the arrest of Jess Willard, former heavy-weight champion and winner of \$200,000, charged with profiteering on the sale of wood.

—Harry Petty, who ten days ago robbed the safe of the Dan Valley Motor Co., Danville, Va., taking negotiable securities to the value of nearly \$500, pleaded guilty in court and was sentenced to serve seven years in the penitentiary.

—The United States Department of Agriculture has placed a ban on the sale of fertilizer containing more than one-tenth of one per cent of borax. This was made necessary because last year many crops were destroyed by the presence of too much borax.

—Coal worth millions of dollars, near the surface, is being uncovered at Pottsville, Pa., the discovery has been made by stripping off the surface, the coal can be mined in full daylight without any danger. The strip is 1,600 feet long, 400 feet wide and reaching a maximum depth of 65 feet.

—Major-General Leonard Wood's candidacy for the Republican Presidential nomination was formally started in Cincinnati several days ago when Colonel William Cooper Proctor, noted soap manufacturer, announced his acceptance of the chairmanship of the Leonard Wood national campaign committee. No details of the date of the campaign launching or plans of the committee have been announced. Colonel Proctor is perhaps the country's biggest manufacturer of soap.

GERMANS PROPOSE ARREST OF THE FORMER KLASER

(Berlin Special)

Arrest of former Emperor William of Germany, if necessary through the intermediary of Holland, was proposed Saturday before the parliamentary sub-committee investigating the question of war responsibilities.

REPORT OF SEVENTY-FIVE MILLION CAMPAIGN IN FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

Our Campaign is winding up with most gratifying reports. Twenty-six of our thirty-four churches have reported \$167,471.00. Not one of these make a final report, but they all say that there are others to be seen and that they will go slightly above the amount sent in. We have reached our per capita allotment of \$5.00 for this Association, but we shall have to reach \$175,000 to get the quota asked of us. When we get reports from those which have not reported, and final reports from the ones which have reported, we shall be near our goal.

Our Campaign was launched at the W. M. U. annual meeting held at Tally Ho church in September. The spirit of that meeting gave the Campaign an impetus that has made possible our victory in this Association. In this connection, we desire to make special mention of the faithful and efficient services of Mrs. John Webb, and her co-laborers in the organization and enlistment of the women of all the churches. While we are unable to make a definite report of the amount subscribed by the women, we are certain that they have gone far beyond the \$35,000 asked of them.

We also desire to express our grateful appreciation to the following: To the editor of the Public Ledger, who has always cheerfully given a conspicuous place on the front page of his paper to all our communications; To brethren of other denominations, who have rendered invaluable services by their public addresses and by their good words spoken privately everywhere; to our Baptist laymen, who have spoken in the churches, while others of them have served in using their cars for Kingdom work; To the young women and members of the faculty of Oxford College and the Girls' Auxiliary of Oxford church for giving the beautiful Missionary Pageant in many of the churches, and to all the Church Directors and their teams, without whom all other efforts would have been in vain. And, finally, we are grateful to all who have in any way contributed to this glorious success.

The latest reports show that North Carolina has subscribed \$7,000,000, and the Southern Baptist Convention \$82,000,000. It now seems probable that we shall reach from \$90,000,000 to \$100,000,000 when all of the States are heard from.

G. T. TUNSTALL,
J. D. HARTE.

The Churches

Amis Chapel—Quota \$5,500; subscriptions \$8,542; forecast \$8,542.
Bethany—Quota \$1,525; subscriptions \$705; forecast \$1,000.
Bulah—Quota \$4,700; one year \$950; subscriptions \$4,750; forecast \$4,750.
Bullock—Quota \$3,250; one year \$850; subscriptions \$4,250; forecast \$4,500.
Corinth—Quota \$2,775; subscriptions \$3,075; forecast \$3,500.
Concord—Quota \$3,400; no report; forecast \$4,700.
Credmoor—Quota \$2,750; subscriptions \$3,000; forecast \$3,300.
Dexter—Quota \$2,450; subscriptions \$2,450; forecast \$2,600.
Eliot—Quota \$6,275; one year \$2,100; subscriptions \$10,500; forecast \$11,000.
Florence Ave.—Quota \$3,975; subscriptions \$7,275; forecast \$7,500.
Fellowship—Quota \$3,375; no organization; forecast \$1,000.
Grassy Creek—Quota \$6,950; subscriptions \$4,301; forecast \$5,000.
Hester—Quota \$7,425; one year \$1,800; subscriptions \$9,000; forecast \$10,000.
Island Creek—Quota \$9,925; one year \$1,985; subscriptions \$9,925.
Knott Grove—Quota \$2,575; subscriptions \$4,325.75; forecast \$4,000.
Knap of Reeds—Quota \$3,575; subscriptions \$4,450; forecast \$4,650.
Mt. Zion—Quota \$4,750; no report; forecast \$4,750.
Mt. Creek—Quota \$8,375; subscriptions \$12,000; forecast \$13,000.
Mt. Harmony—Quota \$2,375; subscriptions \$1,059.50; forecast \$1,250.
Mary's Chapel—Quota \$3,300; subscriptions \$775.75; forecast \$2,000.
New Light—Quota \$2,525; no organization; forecast \$2,500.
Oxford—Quota \$25,000; one year \$7,000; subscriptions \$35,000; forecast \$36,000.
Olive Grove—Quota \$4,450; no organization; forecast \$1,250.
Olive Branch—Quota \$2,575; subscriptions \$825.75; forecast \$1,000.
Poplar Creek—Quota \$2,375; subscriptions \$900; forecast \$1,250.
Poplar Creek—Quota \$2,375; subscriptions \$2,125; forecast \$2,500.
Rock Springs—Quota \$4,567; subscriptions \$6,475; forecast \$7,000.
State Line—Quota \$2,300; subscriptions \$2,300; forecast \$2,500.
Stovall—Quota \$5,700; subscrip-

THE CENSUS OFFICERS WILL BE ABROAD IN THE LAND NEXT JANUARY

Information Furnished to Census Takers Is Absolutely Confidential—Interpretation Put On Farms By Uncle Samuel For Census Purpose.

For census purpose, Uncle Sam interprets the word "farm" as follows:

A Farm.

"A farm for census purposes is all the land which is directly farmed by one person conducting agricultural operations, either by his own labor or with the assistance of members of his household or hired employees."

In further explanation of this definition the census bureau points out that the term "agricultural operation" is used as a general term referring to the work of growing crops, producing other agricultural products and raising domestic animals, poultry or bees.

From this definition it will be seen that a farm consists of a single tract of land or of a number of separate and distinct tracts. And these several tracts may be held under different tenures as, for instance, when one tract is owned by the farmer and another is rented by him. Thus if a man who owns 100 acres rents an additional ten acres from some one else and operates both the 100 acres and then ten acres, then his "farm" includes both tracts of land comprising 110 acres.

Separate Farms.

By the same token when a landowner has one or more tenants, renters croppers or managers, each different tract of land operated by any such tenant, renter, cropper or manager is considered a separate and distinct farm by the census bureau. Or, to give an example, if a man owning 120 acres of land rents 40 acres to a tenant and farm the remaining 80 acres himself, his farm is the 80 acres which he operates, not the 120 acres which he owns, while the 40 acre tract which he rents to a tenant comprises a separate farm to be reported in the name of the tenant.

When Not a Farm.

Another question to be determined is how important does an agricultural enterprise have to be in order to secure recognition in the census as a farm? A small vegetable garden or a chicken yard accommodating a few busy hens will not be allowed to qualify as a "farm" in the census, no matter with what pride and satisfaction the proprietor may view his agricultural enterprise.

But if the garden or chicken yard expands until it covers not less than three acres of ground, or until it requires for its care the continuous services of at least one person, or yields products annually to the value of \$250 or more, it comes within the census definition of a farm and will be recognized as such and counted.

Prepare For the Enumerator.
The agricultural schedule contains many questions regarding farm values, expenses and live stock as well as the acreage and quantity of crops raised in the year 1919. Census bureau officials are urging farmers everywhere to prepare for the census enumerator by looking over their books and records so that accurate answers may be furnished to questions.

In this connection the bureau of the census emphasizes the fact that the information furnished to census takers is absolutely confidential, made so by act of Congress, and that under no circumstances can any such information be used for taxation.

THE NEW STATE PRISON

To Be Located Within Four Miles of Raleigh (News and Observer)

The prison board has given definite instructions for the close of the options on the land in Wake county, for the location of the new state prison and the prison farm.

The suggestion that the location of the farm and the new prison in western part of Wake County, near Cary, will hurt the development of that part of the county, is not regarded as a matter of enough serious importance to justify the change of action by the board. The prison will be located at least four miles from Raleigh, and the prison board does not believe that it will be close enough to prevent the development of the city in that direction for a great many years to come. As to it taking a large portion of the taxes out of the Cary School district, that is also unimportant, because only a small portion of the land purchased is in Cary township.

Sharon—Quota \$6,163.50; forecast \$6,250.
Sharon—Quota \$2,550; no report; forecast \$2,550.
Pleasant Grove—Quota \$7,125; no organization; forecast \$1,000.
Tabbs Creek—Quota \$3,325; one year \$900; subscriptions \$4,500; forecast \$4,500.
Tally Ho—Quota \$5,575; subscriptions \$5,575; forecast \$5,850.
West Oxford—Quota \$3,700; one year \$1,130; subscriptions \$5,650; forecast \$5,650.

CONTROLLER HENRY PAGE ANNOUNCES MAXIMUM PROFIT

Fifty Percent Profit on Men's Clothing and Sixty Percent on Women's Allowed. (Raleigh Special)

Fifty per cent markup over cost price for men's clothing and 60 per cent for women's clothes will be considered the maximum margin of profits. Price Controller Henry Page told a conference of merchants and consumers.

The merchant who marks up all goods at these maximum figures will be a subject for prosecution. These figures are the deadline beyond which merchants must not go if they want to avert indictments in the federal courts.

The first man who will be prosecuted in North Carolina for profiteering is that merchant who a few days ago sold a three year old boy's overcoat to a man in moderate circumstances for \$15, when the cost price on this was \$7.15.

"I have written that merchant to refund to that man \$5 and send me a receipt showing that it has been paid back. If that receipt does not come to me, I will have that merchant prosecuted," Mr. Page said.

The strict adherence to this margin of profits will be a substantial reduction in the cost of goods. Mr. Page told the conference.

1—"The practice of having different prices for different people will be considered a violation of the Lever Act; there must be one fair price to everybody."

2—"To offer for sale any merchandise that does not bear the selling price in plain figures, provided the form for such merchandise allows space for marking same, will be considered a violation of the act."

3—"A maximum margin of 50 per cent on invoice cost is allowed on men's clothing, furnishings, hats, and all shoes. To charge more than 50 per cent is indictable under the act. This is not to be construed to mean that all merchandise as classified above should bear 50 per cent profit, since, if he found a merchant adhering to this rule to escape the clutches of the law, it would be counted against him."

4—"60 Per Cent for Women."

A maximum margin of 60 per cent on invoice cost is allowed on all women's ready-to-wear. To charge more than 60 per cent is to violate the amended Lever Act.

5—"Full replacement value will not be allowed, but the merchant will be expected to average cost of clothing, shoes, etc., in determining new and advanced prices. (Mr. Page explained this by saying that a serge suit purchased last spring at \$20 might cost the merchant \$40 if purchased today. This would not justify the merchant in marking a regular percentage of profit on the \$40 suit and then bring the price of the suits carried over up to this level.)"

6—"These regulations are effective December 15, and any merchant who willfully exceeds the above margins of profit or violates above regulations will be subject to indictment and trial before Federal judge and jury."

MR. WILLARD PROPOUNDS BENEDICTION ON THE PEOPLE OF GRANVILLE

Writing from Moffitt Place, Va., our good old friend M. F. Willard, famous in song and story, says:

"I want the Public Ledger again. It is a fine, newsy paper as I find anywhere. In a word, it is sound and healthy and ought to be read by every citizen of Granville county and many of the adjoining counties would profit by taking it and reading it. No parlor however refined, will ever be humiliated by having it upon the center table for perusal of family and friends. Here's my check, and I send also, my most wholehearted greetings to the many of your choice citizens whom I chance to be acquainted with. Wishing them all a happy, merry, joyous Xmas, as also a prosperous, good New Year."

THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

The Weed Is Getting Scarce in This Section
The damp weather during the past week caused the bulk of the remaining tobacco in the county to be marketed before the market closes down for the Christmas holidays.

Should the weather be fair during the remaining sale days a lot of tobacco will be sold here. The greatest portion of tobacco in the country, it is said, is in small lots of from one hundred to five hundred pounds. The warehousemen are urging the growers to bring in the remaining part of their crop as early as possible, thus preventing the prolonging of the closing date in the spring.

The market will close for the holidays at the end of business next Friday and remain closed until Tuesday morning, January 6.

OXFORD MERCHANTS ENDORSE FAIR PRICES

The Oxford merchants gladly endorse the fair price margin set by Mr. Page. Quite a number of our merchants were selling articles below the figure set by Mr. Page.

The new selling rule went into effect yesterday and the merchants were busy marking the goods at selling price.

FINE JERSEY COW FOR SALE
T. Lanier. D16-21

BAN ON USE OF FUEL IS UNLEASHED

Trains Taken Off During the Coal Strike Have Been Reinstated

Suspension of coal restrictions effective Saturday throughout the Southern Region was followed by restoration of train service Monday, according to the announcement of the Regional Coal Committee sent to the committees representing the users of coal.

The users of coal are enjoined to use it sparingly until a normal supply can be furnished.

BILL THORP, ALIAS BILL DUNKEN, IN THE TOILS.

Caught Red-Handed With the Goods on Him.

Deputy Lyon was last week put on the tracks of a colored man by the name of Bill Thorp, who sometimes answers to the name of Bill Dunkin. There were unmistakable signs in Walnut Grove Township which seemed to implicate Bill in the operation of a moonshine still in several different places. Bill always objected to a large crowd standing around the still, and as soon as the moral stuned of the community began to gather around in large numbers, Bill would pick up his still and locate elsewhere. In this way he had managed to dodge the officials for a long time.

Deputy Lyon left Oxford early last Friday morning with the determination to capture Bill and his distilling plant. He went direct to the Bill's home and found the still dismantled, but ready to be conveyed to the tall timbers, to supply the Christmas demand.

In the barn was found one barrel of malt, and several pounds of yeast cake. The still was of seventy-five gallon capacity. Deputy Lyon destroyed the malt and yeast and brought the still and its owner to Oxford.

Bill was taken to Henderson to appear before a United States Commissioner.

THREE WEEKS SHORT COURSE IN AGRICULTURE

At the State Agriculture College, West Raleigh, there will begin on January 8 a Three Weeks Short Course in Agriculture. This course has been arranged by the College to come at a slack time of the year with farmers and to embrace only subjects of direct practical value to the busy farmer.

A goodly number of farmers, no doubt, will make it a point this year to go to the College from this section for this special work in practical agriculture.

The Course this year will include such matter as field crops, commercial fertilizers and farm manures, pruning, spraying, insect and disease enemies of crops and fruit trees and the most effective method of their prevention and control; farm dairying, poultry raising, livestock feeding, handling and judging, soil management, fruit and vegetable growing, diseases of farm livestock and their prevention and control, and gas engines and farm tractors.

Those attending the Course will be supplied free tuition, and board and room may be secured in close proximity to the College at reasonable prices.

ARMENIAN AND SYRIAN RELIEF Granville County Has Been Allotted Sixty-five Orphans to Adopt.

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—The generous and benevolent people of North Carolina have been asked help Armenia respond to the cry of the suffering Armenians and Syrians for aid and Granville county has been allotted 65 orphans to adopt in a big campaign to be waged February 1st to 22nd inclusive. North Carolina's quota for adoption is 3,334 orphans of the Near East.

The North Carolina campaign will be directed by an executive committee of influential and prominent citizens headed by State Chairman George H. Bellamy, of Wilmington.

CHRISTMAS TRAVEL IS LIKELY TO BE VERY UNSATISFACTORY

The warning has been given that railroad service during the holidays is likely to be very unsatisfactory. It would seem to be a good idea for those who can make prospective trips as well as some other time, to do so. There are many who can make a visit home at no other time than Christmas and holiday travel for them amounts to something that is really essential. If those who are not in a position would make it a point to defer trips until later or to make them before the Christmas rush begins it would aid materially in relieving the congestion.

NO CHRISTMAS DRUNKS

The Whole Country Is As Dry As a Bone.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Wartime prohibition was held constitutional today by the Supreme Court in the unanimous decision. Thus vanished the hopes of many for a "wet" holiday time.

Remarkable Showing
See the remarkable statement of the National Bank of Granville on the back page of this paper.

TAXES LEVIED ON PROPERTY LOWEST IN STATE'S LIFE.

Property Owners Will Be Allowed to Set Value of Their Property For First Time.

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—"There will be no injustice done any class of property, but values within each class will be equalized. Tax rates on property next year will be the lowest ever levied in the history of the state, not alone because of higher values, but because the state is collecting larger revenue every year from other kinds of taxes and less from property."

Such was the statement of the tax commission in summarizing the results of the regular monthly meeting of the district supervisors who were in session here last week.

"The state will collect less revenue as a total from property this year, than it has collected since 1907," the statement continues. The increased taxes this year on account of longer school terms under the six months school constitutional amendment, and higher salaries for teachers, or on account of increased local road taxes, should not be confused with revaluation as there is no relation between them.

"It is impossible to pass fair judgement upon revaluation work until it is completed as a whole as to all classes of property, and until the public can see the rates that will apply against it."

"This is the first time in the history of North Carolina tax laws where the property owner has really been given the opportunity to say at what values his property shall go on the books. It is really the first time he has been given the opportunity to carry out the mandate of the constitution which says the property shall be listed at its true value. The reports from the district supervisors, based upon detailed investigations, showed the revaluation of real property being done in a uniform way in the 109 counties throughout the state. This work is about 70 per cent complete.

"Less than a dozen appeals have been made to the state tax commission from valuations made by the local boards."

THERE WILL BE NO MORE CARNIVALS IN OXFORD

The Commissioners Are Purifying the Atmosphere of the Old Town.

The Town Board is to be commended for the stand they have taken against immorality in Oxford. The good work started three years ago when Maj. Thad G. Stem, then mayor, pledged the good people that he would enforce the prohibition law, and he did it. The good work was followed up by Mayor Mitchell, and today you scarcely hear whiskey mentioned or see a drunken man in this community. Along with the great moral awakening the bad houses took wings and flew away, and the pool rooms, too, closed their doors.

Having the interest of the community at heart the Board of Town Commissioners at their last meeting adopted the following ordinance:

Be it ordained by the Commissioners of Oxford: That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to exhibit, show or produce, or attempt to exhibit, show or produce in the name or nature of a carnival, any show, play or entertainment of any kind whatsoever in the town of Oxford.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined \$50.00 for each offense and each and every day of the provisions of this ordinance are violated shall constitute a separate offense.

PRETTY GIRLS WILL SELL CHRISTMAS SEALS

Will Have Booth at the Postoffice.

Mrs. Graham Robards, chairman of the committee on the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals, states that 40,000 stamps were placed on sale in Granville county and that reports to date confirm the sale of 34,000. A booth will be erected in the postoffice lobby a few days before Christmas, says Mrs. Robards, and an effort will be made to sell the full quota.

AMERICA HAS WORLD CREDIT OF ELEVEN BILLION DOLLARS

Practically Every Country of Globe Owes Part of Vast Balance Outstanding.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The world now owes America a sum sufficient to give \$100 to every citizen in the United States. The debt is placed at a minimum of eleven billion, however, on the basis of government computation.

The money is due in part to the United States government and in part to American business men, mostly as a result of war transactions.

The debtors include Germany, Japan, India, Iceland, Borneo, and practically every country in the world.

Yuletide Greetings
The friends and patrons of the First National Bank will find on the fifth page of this paper hearty Yuletide greetings.