

## CAROLINA NEEDS FEWER FARMERS SAYS DR. HOBBS

Larger Farms Also Needed Says Rural Economics Professor Before N. C. Club.

Professor S. H. Hobbs, Jr., of the University department of rural social economics, spoke before the North Carolina Club in its meeting last night in the library room of the department, on the subject "North Carolina as an Agricultural State."

"North Carolina is recognized as an important industrial state," said Professor Hobbs; "yet she remains one of the most rural and agricultural of all the states." According to the 1930 census North Carolina has 279,723 farms and only two other states have more than this. More than half of the state's population live on farms, while the rural ratio-farm and small towns under 2,500 is 74.5 per cent, and only five states have larger ratios.

Dr. Hobbs was of the opinion that there is enormous room for agricultural expansion in North Carolina for although North Carolina ranks twenty-eighth in size and third in farms, only one fifth of the state is actually devoted to crop production. North Carolina is a state of small farms with the cultivated acres per farm averaging twenty—the smallest in the United States—and they are getting smaller.

Professor Hobbs further stated that nearly one third of our farms are operated by negro farmers, North Carolina having the largest increase in the number of negro farmers of any state in the Union since 1915.

"North Carolina is primarily a non-food cash crop state," continued Professor Hobbs. "Crops are relatively more important in our system of agriculture than in any other state. Before the Civil War, North Carolina was self-feeding. Since the Civil War the state has imported much of her food and has concentrated on cash crops, mainly cotton and tobacco. We usually rank around sixth or seventh in the production of crops and about eighteenth in production of livestock. Since the North Carolina farms are small, the production per farm is small; hand methods instead of machinery are used."

In discussing North Carolina as a livestock state, Dr. Hobbs stated that she ranks at or near the bottom. Although the state it well suited to livestock farming, the chance of making ready cash from cotton and tobacco farming have put livestock farming in a low position.

The speaker gave as the reasons for small farms in North Carolina, the low farm income and the small wealth per farm these things: farm tenancy, cash crop farming, large ratio of negro farmers, hand methods of farming, enormous expenditures for fertilizer and the low level of intelligence for a large per cent of our farm population.

Concluding, he stated the need of North Carolina in an agricultural way thus: "We need larger farms and probably fewer farmers, more livestock and live-at-home farming generally, better marketing methods, more cooperation between town and country people, and above all a larger ratio of home and farm ownership."

## THREE BILLS ON SENATE CALENDAR

The following bills are on the calendar of the Dialectic Senate to be discussed at the meeting tonight at 7 o'clock.

1. Resolved: That, the Di Senate go on record as favoring the public ownership of all basic industries, such as public utilities, iron and steel manufacturing, coal mining, textile and tobacco manufacturing.

2. Resolved: That, the Di Senate go on record as favoring the sending of a unit of the National guard to protect the strikers' jobs at the Danville mills.

3. Resolved: the student body has too little part in the management of student affairs and in the control of extra-curricula activities.

## OLD HITCH-HIKER GIVES VIEWS ON THIS GENERATION

Seventy-Nine Year Old Patriarch Believes This a Most Irreligious Age.

(By C. C. E.)

I was interested to see Sunday afternoon, a very quaint character in the line of students who were, as per usual, bumming their way to Durham. He was dressed in the uniform that was used in that never to be forgotten war that was fought by our grandfathers sixty-five years or more ago. He wore spectacles, and a long white beard flowing in the wind gave him a patriarchal appearance.

I approached out of curiosity, and asked in the conventional way how bumming was. I found him to be a very fluent conversationalist, and highly interesting. His home, he said, was in Durham, and he was waiting for someone that he knew to come along and give him a ride.

Turning around, he ran his finger along the name of Jefferson Davis that marks the highway and remarked that he had a piece of money that Jeff Davis made. I expressed a curiosity to see it, and he very obligingly showed it to me, not only a two dollar bill of old Confederate money which was good only in North Carolina, but also a ten-cent bill. Both of which he was very proud of. He said that he was close enough to hear the guns fire, but was too young for active fighting, being in the junior camp "when they hollered quit." He didn't receive any pension, but thought he should have.

By this time he had a pretty large audience, so when I asked him for his opinion of the younger generation, he was ready and anxious to expound on the subject, using the Bible as a guide. Giving exact chapters and verse, he substantiated each of his statements. "They are more wicked; more dissipated than they were in the days of Sodom and Gomarrh." Religion, he said was woefully lacking in his home town. "Why," he said, "if you could rake together all the religion in Durham, you could put it in the bill of a humming bird, and if the humming bird were to blow it into the eye of a flea, the flea wouldn't even hop." Cuffs on pants, he said were useless, and were an expense while the dress of the modern flapper was shameless and had caused to be established a silk stocking, bobbed hair and

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## RED CROSS ASKS TEN MILLION FOR DROUGHT RELIEF

Chapel Hill Chapter Has \$600 Quota to Contribute to National Fund.

Contributions to the Red Cross relief fund by the Chapel Hill chapter now total over \$150. The quota for this chapter is \$600. J. Hyde Pratt, chairman of the chapter, stated that they hoped to get everybody to contribute something if the amount is small. It is his opinion that if the people could realize the extent of the drought disaster they would be willing to contribute. Contributions may be left at the "M" System store, Eubanks Drug store, the Bank, with Mr. Hill at the consolidated service plant, and with Mr. Hyde Pratt.

John Barton Payne, national chairman of the American Red Cross, has described the drought disaster as the greatest peace time emergency with which the Red Cross has had to cope. The drought has reduced the finest American families to want. Drought, being beyond human prevention, caught good farmers as well as poor farmers. Streams went dry, stock died, fields dried up and at last families entered upon the long, slow process of starvation.

Great organizations which are supporting the Red Cross in the relief work are: the Federal Council of Churches, the Knights of Columbus, the National Catholic Women of America, the National Catholic Welfare Council, the Jewish Welfare Bodies, D. A. R., and the American Legion Women's Auxiliary. The radio broadcasting systems are forwarding the campaign through their programs: National broadcasting systems, Columbia broadcasting system, and the United broadcasting system.

Lending aid, also, are the National Council of Social Work, the Association of Community Chests and Councils, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and the American Federation of Labor. The Veterans of Foreign Wars, also through their commander in chief, Paul C. Wolman, pledged aid to the relief campaign.

At present contributions to the national relief fund of \$10,000,000 total \$2,135,000 and relief work has to go on in

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## McIntosh Gives Views On Proposed Cuts

In an interview with a Daily Tar Heel reporter, C. E. McIntosh, of the school of education, stated his solution to the foremost problem confronting employees of the state.

"The Governor says a 10% cut in the salaries of state and county employees will save approximately \$4,000,000. If these figures are correct, the present salaries of these employees will aggregate about \$40,000,000.

"The Reynolds Tobacco Co. says it cleared last year more than \$34,000,000. How would it do to ask the Reynolds Company to forego dividends for a period of one year, and donate this sum to pay the employees of the state on the basis of their present salaries?"

"The taxes of the state could thus be lowered, and a year hence business would again be on a boom."

## NEW BOOK CLUB FOR ALUMNI HAS GROWN RAPIDLY

Number of Subscribers Has Doubled in the Last Two Weeks.

The alumni book club, initiated in October by University faculty, alumni office, University library and the extension library service, reports that within the last two weeks its subscribers have more than doubled. This would indicate that the club has merged from an experimental state to take its place among the few satisfactory methods of book circulation for post-diploma education.

In the two months of its existence many leading educational authorities have been attracted by its unique methods. Several publications have contained articles praising the growth this club has made. The conductors of the alumni book club have received letters from almost all of their subscribers, in which the books and the manner in which the books were circulated were highly praised.

The public library of Washington, D. C., has written J. Maryon Saunders, one of the originators and conductors of the club, offering to cooperate with the club and lend books to the alumni in Washington. This library has made it a policy to aid in every possible way to carry on education among the older groups after they have left college.

The club makes available what its conductors think the best and most recent literature, philosophy, economics, sociology, history and the sciences. Every month it circulates a list of books for that month among University alumni, their families and friends.

Each book is mailed out to the borrower, and along with it a commentary by some member of the University faculty. The commentary is not a book review. It is written by one especially interested in the subject, and is designed to evaluate the book to the reader and to furnish information about the author.

The list of subscribers extends from Florida to New Jersey. From all these places the members of the club send letters

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## Shreve Discusses Student Activities

Clyde E. Shreve, University varsity debater, spoke over WBIG, Greensboro broadcasting station, Friday night, January 23, from seven-thirty to seven-forty-five. His speech took the form of student activities and organizations. Student organizations were divided into four main groups: publications, athletics, debating and social activities.

Pointing out the value of extra curricular activities, the speaker was of the opinion that participation in the various branches of campus life is indispensable towards becoming a well-rounded graduate. In stating this, Shreve called attention to some of the prominent men of the state and nation who were student leaders during their college life. The varsity debater concluded his address by giving an outline of the mechanical features of debating, athletics, publications, dramatics, and social functions.

## PHI INVESTIGATING N. C. BUS SERVICE

The following bills will be discussed by the Phi Assembly tonight:

1. Resolved: That the Phi Assembly is of the opinion that public highway bus service in North Carolina and commercial freight hauling by motor vehicles in the state should be thoroughly and impartially investigated, all the facts found to be submitted to each member of the 1933 General Assembly at least sixty days before that body convenes.

2. Resolved: That the Phi Assembly go on record as favoring a full, impartial investigation and study by some legally authorized body of the production, distribution and costs of electrical power in North Carolina.

## COLLEGES URGED TO MAKE APPEAL TO LEGISLATORS

State Student Federation Trying to Make Legislature Give Institutions Proper Aid.

In view of the fact that the appropriation committee of the legislature is this week considering appropriations for state institutions the North Carolina Student Federation has determined upon a definite policy of cooperation with the administrations of the state supported institutions in an effort to induce the legislature to be more liberal in their appropriations to the state institutions.

John Lang, president of the North Carolina Student Federation, has sent letters to the student president of every state supported institution in North Carolina calling upon them to use their efforts in arousing a student movement to induce the legislature to continue a progressive program of education in the state.

An open forum letter, stating the present financial distress of state institutions and calling upon students to cooperate with their respective college administrations in an effort to get relief from the present situation has been mailed by Lang to the student publications of every state institution. In this letter a request was made of those students who had friends in the legislature to write or visit them and inform them of the financial needs of our public institutions.

A letter has been dispatched from the executive staff of the North Carolina Student Federation to the chairman of the legislature appropriation committee asking his committee's cooperation in helping the state institutions obtain the proper financial assistance with which to continue their normal growth and progress.

## Extension Division Offers New Course

The first class in beginner's French, conducted by the Extension Division, meets in Room 314 Murphey, at 4:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. This class is for town people and those of the University who desire a reading knowledge of French. No examination nor credit is given for work in this course.

The class will meet once a week for eighteen weeks, at a time to be decided upon by the class.

## LELAND STANFORD HAS ALWAYS HAD CLASS PRIVILEGES

Kentucky University and Dartmouth Also Believe in Optional Attendance.

Stanford University, the University of Kentucky, as well as Dartmouth College have been added to the rapidly growing list of institutions of higher learning in the United States which offer voluntary attendance to student members.

In a long letter Dean P. P. Boyd, dean of the college of liberal arts and sciences at the University of Kentucky, informs the special student committee here commissioned by the Central Administrative Council to conduct a nation-wide survey on the subject that "Juniors and seniors who have made a high standing the previous semester, are exempt from penalties for absences. Good students in the upper division are eligible for Independent Work courses, in which students report to the instructor once a week. Seniors in their last semester are exempt from examinations if their standings are high.

"In the Independent Work there is no doubt that the arrangement is good. As to the amount of initiative permitted to students in class work and in connection with university control, I may say that we are trying to promote greater freedom and initiative among juniors and seniors both in type of course and in methods of instruction."

Karl M. Cowdery, registrar at Leland Stanford University, has written that, "Optional attendance has been more or less in effect through the history of Stanford University. The Administration has had the policy that, if a student is able to carry the work and complete satisfactorily the necessary preparation for final examination and for required papers, they are not concerned with whether or not the student has attended class."

Stanford University goes farther in student independence than any other institution which has replied to the optional attendance letters. Cowdery says, "As indicated in our information Bulletin, a copy of which is being sent you separately, we have a plan of independent study available to superior students who wish to work out an individual program in which they work independently, either with or without class attendance, and with a minimum of detailed supervision."

From the December issue of the Dartmouth College Bulletin has come detailed information in regard to how that institution handles the class attendance question. "Men in the honors group," the Bulletin says, "shall not be held to the ordinary rules of attendance. All students who, at the end of their sophomore year have attained a general average of 2.6, and such others as have attained a high average in the department in which their major is selected and who have received the recommendation of their department and the Committee on Educational Policy, may if they so elect, constitute an honors group for special treatment. Such men, so far as the facilities of the department and the best interests of the students under its charge allow, shall be treated as befits their individual needs and as their

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