

Otter Creek School

The senior class of Otter Creek school presented their class play, "A Little Clodhopper," before an enthusiastic audience last Wednesday night.

Characters in the play were Margie Wikle as the Little Clodhopper; Dorothy Solesbee as Mrs. Chigger-son Boggs; Arnold Wilson as Georgie Chigger-son; Grace Yonce as Charman Carter; Frank Baldwin as Septimus Green; Jessie Baldwin as Julietta Bean; and Warren Owenby as Okey Gump.

The Otter Creek elementary and high school basketball teams split a double-header with Andrews last week, the Otter Creek elementary team vanquishing Andrews elementary 35-4, and Andrews high school taking revenge for their younger brothers' defeat by winning over the Otter Creek high boys by 28-14.

U.S. POPULATION IS NOW 131,669,275

North Carolina Is One Of 12 States With Major Increase

The population of the United States on April 1, 1940 was 131,669,275, according to the final figures released by William Austin, director of the 1940 census. This figure represents an increase of 8,894,229, or 7.2 per cent, over the population of the United States in 1930. Census officials point out that this increase is less than half that of any previous decade since the first census in 1790.

If present trends continue, Director Lane predicted, the United States will have a stationary or declining population in 30 or 40 years. He attributed the small increase during the past decade to a falling birth rate and the virtual stoppage of immigration.

N. C. Has 12 Per cent Increase
According to the 1940 census, North Carolina's population is 3,571,623, an increase of 12.7 per cent over the state's population in 1930. The increase gives North Carolina 11th place among the states, ranked by population, instead of 12th as formerly. The state was one of 12 whose population increase was more than 250,000 during the ten year period.

The District of Columbia, with an increase of 42.7 per cent, grew faster during the past decade than any of the states. Fastest growing state was Florida with an increase of 29.2 per cent, followed by New Mexico with 25.6 per cent, and California with 21.7 per cent.

Six states, five of which are located in the dust bowl region of the middle west, showed a decline in population during 1930-40. In no previous decade have more than three states shown a decline in population.

Farmers Federation Pays Dividend

A semi-annual dividend of three per cent payable January 1, 1941, to stockholders of record December 16, 1940, has been declared by the directors of the Farmers Federation, Inc.

More than 4,500 stockholders in Western North Carolina will share in this disbursement which is the Federation's 14th consecutive semi-annual dividend. Checks will be mailed to the holders of preferred shares, while the majority of common stockholders will be paid in cash at the nearest Farmers Federation warehouse.

The directors also announced a dividend of three per cent on partial paid stock in the Federation. These shares have been accumulated by means of the patronage dividend which for several years the Federation has distributed in stock to cash purchasers. The dividend on partial paid stock will be paid in credits toward full stock shares which, when completed, will entitle the holders to regular cash dividends.

Macon Baptist Union Meeting December 29

The Macon Baptist Union will hold its December meeting with the Coweta Baptist church Sunday, December 29, Moderator Robert Williams announced this week. The program is as follows: 9:30—Sunday school. 10:00—Devotional, William Shope. 10:15—Definition of Stewardship, Rev. C. C. Welch. 10:30—Stewardship of the Gospel, Rev. Robert Williams. 11:00—Stewardship of Time, Rev.

Lester Sorrells. 11:30—Stewardship of Talent, Rev. C. O. Brookshire. 12:00—Stewardship of Prayer, Rev. Joe Bishop. 12:30—Lunch. 1:30—Devotional, Frank Browning. 1:45—Stewardship of Temperance, Rev. George Cloer. 2:15—Stewardship of Possessions, Rev. J. G. Benfield. 2:45—A Discussion, Rev. C. F. Rogers. 3:15—Adjournment. Moderator Robert Williams Clerk Judson Smith.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as executor of Monroe Strain, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of November, 1941, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 9th day of November, 1940. JETER HIGDON, Executor N14-6tc-D19.

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

North Carolina
Macon County
In The Superior Court
J. B. Sanders vs. Mrs. A. R. Sanders; E. D. Green and wife, Ida Green; David Tallent and wife, Mary Tallent; Sumner Dula and wife, Francis Dula; Davis Morgan and wife, Mattie Morgan.

The defendants E. D. Green, Ida Green, David Tallent, Mary Tallent, Sumner Dula and wife, Francis Dula will take notice that a civil suit entitled as above, has been instituted in the Superior Court for Macon County, North Carolina, for the foreclosure of a tax lien covering lands in which these defendants have an interest; and the said defendants will take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County at the Courthouse in Franklin, North Carolina, within thirty days and answer or demur to the complaint filed in said suit, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This 10th day of December, 1940. HARLEY R. CABE, Clerk Superior Court. D19-4tc-J9

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina
Macon County
In The Superior Court
R. S. Jones, Administrator of the Estate of Mary M. Ramey, deceased vs. Louis D. Marchetti and wife, Mable Marchetti

By virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned Commissioner by a judgment of the Superior Court of Macon County, rendered on the 25th day of November, 1940, I will, on Monday, the 6th day of January, 1941, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described land: All the lands described in a

Gold Mine School

Dr. E. N. Haller and Public Health Nurse Mrs. Josephine D. Gaines, visited the Gold Mine school last week and made a thorough check of all the pupils. Many were lacking in good health habits and poor posture which the teacher and pupils are planning to improve before the end

of the school term. The smallpox vaccination was also given to most all of the children.

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