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## DON'T LET THE HEAT GET YOU DOWN

Real estate men tell us they are having good inquiries for houses for next winter. They seem very optimistic over prospects for the season.

Many of the northern resort hotels are doing well this summer. People appear to be able to get away for vacations.

The infantile paralysis epidemic is decidedly on the wane in the state and the possibility that schools might not open on time now seems remote.

There is every reason to believe that both Pinehurst and Southern Pines will have legal liquor dispensaries open before the coming season.

These are just a few straws which show the way the wind is blowing. It helps in this hot weather to think about better days ahead, and the indications are that such days are coming. Business reports gains along most fronts; the trend is upward. This is bound to be reflected here.

Locally the boys have had a pretty good peach season. Tobacco prices have started off high on those markets which have opened. Uncle Sam is opening the purse strings for a lot of new building, new projects in the state. Unemployment reduction is bound to result.

All in all, things look pretty good. Keep your chin up, a smile on the face, and the hot weather will soon be over.

## "THE DANCE OF DEATH"

It is less than a month now before you will be expected to procure your driver's license under the new State law. With this law in force, plus the doubling in size of the State Highway Patrol, automobile accidents should begin to show a reduction in the state.

"If all the accidents in the United States spread through the year 1934 were recorded as of one day, it would be as if all the people of the State of Pennsylvania were suddenly laid low by accident, one-half of the people of Pittsburgh crippled for the rest of their lives and every person in Allentown killed," says the New York Times. "This is the vivid picture into which the National Safety Council has translated the accident statistics for that year. The most shocking item is the continuing increase in deaths from accidents. They were more than twice as many as the number of our men who were killed in action or who died of wounds in the World War.

"The increase in fatal accidents as summarized by provisional State reports was from 91,087 in 1933 to 101,000 in 1934. The one gratifying fact is that there was a considerable decrease in the number of children meeting accidental deaths. And yet from the age of 3 to 18, accidents kill more than any disease. Only one state, and that the smallest, showed a general decrease in fatalities. Rhode Island thus takes the first place among the states for the 1934 safety record. But the highest is none too good. On the average, taking the country over, one person out of every hundred was injured in a motor-vehicle accident, which means that unless the rate is reduced, one in every twenty will be injured or killed in such an accident within five years. If things continue after this fashion, there will be as many motor-vehicle injuries in the next hundred years as there are persons living in the United States today.

"On the other hand, while, auto accidents and fatalities increase, there has been in the last five years a drop in occupational deaths (due partly at least to

industrial safety efforts, though in part to the smaller number of the employed), and in public accidents, those in the home remaining almost stationary. It is death that 'stalks the nation's highways' that is, aside from disease, the most to be feared and most to be fought. In Holbein's famous series Death comes to emperor and beggar alike, but not as in the suddenness of an accident. A depiction of the varied new ways by which Death now comes in home, highway or street, in office or shop or factory, would even more fitly bear Holbein's title "The Dance of Death."

## NORTH CAROLINA'S BIRTH RATE

The birth rate in North Carolina is not as high as it has been in recent past years, but it is still the second highest among the states of the Union, or so for the year 1934, the News Letter of the University of North Carolina tells us. For a long period of time North Carolina held the record for births in proportion to population. Recently due to the slight decline in North Carolina, the state of New Mexico has taken over North Carolina's customary position. One other state, Utah, was tied with North Carolina for second place in 1934, and several other states were not far behind.

During the year 1934 North Carolina reported 79,704 live births, or an average of 24.1 births for every thousand inhabitants. New Mexico with a birth rate of 27.9 per thousand inhabitants, was well in the lead in 1934. The lowest birth rate was in California. That state has approximately twice the population of North Carolina but North Carolina gave birth to more children. The California birth rate was only 12.7 per thousand inhabitants.

It is interesting to note that although North Carolina ranks twelfth in total population, only five states ranked ahead of us in the number of children born.

There is no absolute rule as to the location of states by birth rates. As a general rule the highest positions are occupied by the southern states, due in part to the Negro population. However white birth rates in the South are generally close to the Negro rates. The states that have low birth rates are mainly the city states of the northeast, and far western states. However, some western states as Utah, North Dakota, Idaho and Wyoming have fairly high birth rates, while California, Oregon, Washington and others have very low birth rates. There is not a single highly urban state that has a high birth rate, or a rate as high as the national average, notwithstanding the fact that cities have more than their share of people of childbearing ages due to recent migrations of youth to the city.

The birth rate for the United States in 1934 was 17.1 per one thousand inhabitants, a slight gain over the previous year when it was 16.6 per thousand inhabitants. All of the states of the Union except six reported higher birth rates for 1934 than for 1933.

It is interesting to note that the North Carolina birth rate is forty percent higher than the average for all the states, which is the reason why North Carolina is gradually improving her rank among the states in total population. If all the people born in North Carolina would remain in the state, we would shortly rank near the top in total population.

A lower infant death rate would also help a great deal. In this respect our record is not so creditable. During the year 1934 there were 6,169 deaths of infants under one year of age in North Carolina, or a rate of 77.4 per one thousand live births. There are only four states that rank below North Carolina, namely, Georgia and South Carolina with their excessive Negro ratios, and Arizona and New Mexico with their nomadic Mexicans and Indians.

## ON CRUISE TO NOVA SCOTIA

Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., is joining the cruise which the Bar Association of North Carolina is taking to Nova Scotia, leaving New York on the 17th. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Seawell.

## Grains of Sand

The Southern Pines Men's Club has taken on the appearance of a nudist colony during the current heat. It's hard to tell who's ahead in any billiard game; all the players have lost their shirts before the game is half over.

Stacy Brewer, former publisher of The Pilot, now editor of the Chatham Record at Pittsboro, is out for Senator W. P. Horton for lieutenant governor. Of him Stacy writes: "He has been county attorney for 12 years, which position he now holds; served as chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Chatham county for six years; secretary of the State Democratic executive committee from 1930 to 1932; has been elected four times to the State Senate, serving with credit to himself and State."

Carthage has been a thriving metropolis during the past week. Superior Court has been in session, with Judge Thomas J. Shaw of Greensboro, brother of Mrs. Robert N. Page of Aberdeen, presiding. Court will continue through next week, with Judge T. A. McElroy on the bench.

This office is indebted to Dr. Proctor, of the Home Hill Orchard, for the best looking peaches we saw this summer. The doctor, ever an efficient orchardist, brought in a basket of real Elbertas last week, and they were as good as they looked.

Though North Carolina ranks first among the states in variety of minerals, she is near the bottom of the list in value of output, 40th in 1933. The leading mineral states in '33 were, in order, Pennsylvania, Texas, California, Oklahoma and West Virginia.

## The Week in Carthage

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Caldwell, Jr., of Aberdeen spent the week-end in Carthage with Mr. and Mrs. N. A. McKeithen and family.

Mrs. Bill Barnes is getting along nicely after undergoing an operation for appendicitis in Lee County Hospital.

Mrs. W. J. Adams of Raleigh and William Adams of Rocky Mount spent the week-end at their home in Carthage.

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Underwood spent Friday in Raleigh.

Mrs. O. D. Wallace, Mrs. Dan Carter and little Margaret Neal Carter spent Saturday afternoon in Fayetteville.

Miss Frances McKeithen returned home Saturday after an extended visit in Boston, Hartford and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Seagroves of Raleigh spent the week-end with Mrs. Dora Seagroves.

Mrs. C. M. Stutts has returned home after an extended visit with relatives in Norfolk.

Mrs. Atwood Smith, Mrs. B. C. Wallace and Mrs. L. C. Wallace spent Thursday in Burlington.

Mrs. Paul Tillery of Raleigh spent a few days in Carthage last week, the guest of Mrs. U. L. Spence.

Misses Cornie and Janie McLeod are spending a few days in Kernersville visiting the Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Billups.

Little Jimmie and Jane Davis visited their uncle, T. C. Black in Jonesboro last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carter spent the week-end at Myrtle Beach.

Mrs. M. J. McPhail of Sanford and Mrs. Pifer Weathersby of Louisville, Ky., visited friends and relatives here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Wallace and family spent Sunday in Warsaw with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Bartlett.

C. C. Kennedy returned to New York Sunday after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Kennedy.

A group of young people comprising Misses Mary Worthy Spence, Emma Muse Burns, Rica Griffin, Lorraine and Margaret Wilcox, Eleanor Hurwitz, Lucille Harrington, Rose Underwood, Elizabeth Anne Spencer and A. D. Way, Jr., Willard Griffin, R. G. Frye, A. E. Underwood and Mayor Ginsburg with Mrs. C. T. Grier and Mrs. Ed Simpson as chaperones returned home Sunday after a week at Myrtle Beach.

Mrs. J. L. Currie left Tuesday to spend several weeks at Montreat.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brooks of Burlington spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Leavitt.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Barnes and family and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henderson and family are spending the week at Ocean Drive.

Mrs. S. B. Bartlett is visiting her son, S. B. Bartlett, Jr., in Warsaw.

Miss Margaret Clegg spent the week-end in Richmond with her mother.

Mrs. Tully Blair and Miss Ressie Wicker of Winston-Salem spent Friday with their aunt, Mrs. J. T. Sinclair.

J. L. McGraw and little daughter Harriette are spending a few days at Sullivan's Island, S. C.

Robert Sheffield of Winston-Salem spent the week-end at his home in Carthage.

I. N. Clegg, Jr. spent the week-end in Snow Hill.

Kelly Baker, T. Sloan Guy, Charles Barringer and Francis McLeod are spending a few days at Ocean Drive.

Mrs. J. E. Muse and Mrs. Bradley Denning are visiting relatives in Fayetteville.

Mrs. J. A. Davis was hostess to her contract club on Friday afternoon.

High score prize for club members was awarded to Mrs. L. R. Sugg of Sanford and for guests to Mrs. Bradley Denning of Lakeland, Fla., guest of Mrs. J. E. Muse. Special guests of the club were Mrs. J. E. Muse, Mrs. Joe Allen, Mrs. Ralph Mohr of New York City and Mrs. Bradley Denning of Lakeland, Fla.

Miss Mary Robert Shields entertained at bridge Friday evening honoring Mrs. Appaintis and Mrs. T. L. Frye, recent brides, and Miss Flossie Dunn, bride-elect. High score prize was won by Miss Rozelle Williamson. A shower of gifts was made to Mrs. Appaintis and the hostess presented the honorees with beautiful linen handkerchiefs.

## WEST END

Miss Frances Lewis is at the home of her mother, Mrs. Nola Lewis, for a two weeks' vacation. Miss Lewis is in training at the City Memorial Hospital, Winston-Salem.

Miss Alice Gaddis of Chapel Hill is the house guest of her sister, Mrs. J. F. Sinclair.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Eifort and children left Sunday for a two weeks' visit with relatives in Sebring, Ohio. They were accompanied by Mrs. Eifort's aunt, Miss Anna McClymonds.

Lafayette Smith of Lexington is spending the month of August with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ritter.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Tucker had as their guest for the week-end Miss Pauline Barber of Biscoe.

B. W. Pulliam has recovered from injuries received in an automobile accident some weeks ago and has returned to his work in Charlotte.

Shelton Poole, who has been visiting his brother, Hawley Poole, left Wednesday to join his wife at the home of her parents in Gardneis, Pa.

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