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Administration and other conservational purposes rather than continued crop producplanning specialists attached to the the tobacco markets. Division of Land Utilization, Resettlement Administration.

> These estimates are based on farm Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Vir- home. ginia and West Virginia this work has been carried out under the supervision of the Regional Office of the Resettlement Administration at Ral-

In announcing these figures, Dr. L. E. B. Maynard. C. Gray, Assistant Administrator in charge of land utilization, pointed out the extensiveness of the problem they indicated.

"All farms in the United States cover approximately 987 million acres of land," he said. "Thus for more Former Executive Vice President than ten percent of our total farm land, there is a need for working out means of converting it to uses that will be economically sound and desir-

other purposes than the cultivation of crops. The present land purchase program of the Resettlement Adiministration is limited to approximately 9,900,000 acres, on which 22,000 families are living. Other methods than public purchase are expected to bring about the improved use of most of the 101,000,000 acres.

Reasons For Unfitness

Evidences of the unsuitability of these lands to arable agriculture include: considerable abandonment of farms; inability of farmers to support themselves; chronic tax delinquency and extreme poverty. Erosion and exhaustion of the soil, as well as insufficient moisture and unfavorable physical characteristics are among the causes of these conditions.

In the eastern portion of the United States, most of the farms included in this list would probably be used for forestry or recreation (including summer homes) in the future, provided the obstacles standing in the way of such shifts are not too difficult. In the grass country of the west. most of the lands would probably be

utilized for cattle ranches. "The use of this poor land for farming," said Doctor Gray, "has a threefold evil effect. It contributes to the existence of farm surpluses, although the families operating these farms do not make a satisfactory living thereby. Second, the occupation of many of these lands by poor families embarrasses local governments forests and parks is another activity because of tax delinquency, and excessive costs for schools and roads. Fin- extensive. ally, the continued cultivation of a large part of this area will bring land use, other than through public about a further deterioration of the acquisition, are being studied by the land and decrease its value for any land use planning section of the Repurpose whatsoever."

U. S. Sets Example

this method is not advocated for ing investigated.

The Week in Aberdeen

in the Moore County Hospital is lanta, Georgia, and have rented their somewhat improved.

Miss Eloise Lineberry of Raleigh family. has been the guest of Miss Mabel Bethune for the past week.

of Camden, S. C., were guests of Mr. during the holidays. and Mrs. I. A. Thompson on Christ-

has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. McInnis for Christmas. Fred Blue for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and son, Jack, Jr., spent the past week-end Mrs. S. L. Windham. at New Bern visiting relatives.

Hospital in Wilmington, spent a few thage last Friday. days here last week visiting her Edwin McKeithen, Jr., of New York

Miss Grace Bradshaw has accepted visiting his parents. a position in Columbia, S. C.

the recent guest of his daughter, Mrs. B. G. Peterson received the first A. K. Pennington.

C., has been the guest of her mother, the first prize for the prettiest out Mrs. Lizzie Thomas during the holi- door Christmas free.

ing the Christmas holidays in Aber- Lee Craig at Gastonia on December d en with her husband, who is a lieu- 12th.

Miss Bessie Bethune.

returning this week from St. Peters- lege, Red Springs; Marcella Folley Christmas holidays.

tion, according to reports of state land where Mr. Maurer has a position in lege, Lynchburg, Va.; Katherine John-

A. & R. railroad depot.

each state. For the states of North spent the Christmas holidays at from Presbyterian College, Clinton, S.

mother, Mrs. Mary Trueluck.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilder of Charleston, S. C., are visiting the T. Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch M. Johnson B. Wilders and the E. T. McKeithens

home hre to Mrs. W. C. McInnis and

Mrs. Nellie Wright of Raeford and Miss Nora Norris of the Blind School, Miss Frances Howie of St. Pauls Raleigh, were guests of Mrs. W. C.

> Chase Cameron of New York City was the Christmas guest of Mr. and

A number of Aberdeen people at-Miss Katharine Melvin, student tended the funeral of Register of nurse at the James Walker Memorial Deeds W. J. Harrington held in Car-

City spent the holidays in Aberdeen

In the Christmas Out-Door contest Mr. Brooks of Pittsboro has been put on by the Home and Garden Club prize for the most attractive out Mrs. Henry C. Riddle of Clover, S. door scene and Miss Sarah Weaver

Mrs. Reid Page sang a solo at the Mrs. Storey has returned to her exercises in connection with the unhome in Savannah, Ga., after spend- veiling of a portrait of Col. Thomas

tenant at one of the local C. C. C. Among Aberdeen boys and girls home for the holidays are Misses Mrs. Katie B. Shear and daughter, Gwendolyn and Theresa Zimmerman Miss Katie Lee, spent a few days here of N. C. C. W., Greensboro; Misses last week visiting Mrs. Ella Juat and Kate and Lena Stewart, Betsy Jean Johnson, Mabel Bethune and Fran-Mr. and Mrs. Barney Wiley are ces Wimberly of Flora Macdonald Colburg, Florida, where they spent the and Dee Batchelor from Peace, Raleigh; Frances Jean Freeman of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maurer left last Meredith College, Raleigh; Miriam Tuesday for Richmond, Kentucky Johnson from Randolph-Macon Colson and Margaret Rice, from Win-Melvin Creel is working in Raeford gate Junior College; also Fred Weathis week relieving the agent at the ver and J. Vance Rowe, Jr., from N. SC. University, Chapel Hill; Henry J. E. McKeithen, who is associated Wilder from State College, Raleigh; by farm surveys of problem areas in with the tobacco markets at Asheville, Glen Caviness and Charlton Huntley C.; John Edward Pleasants from the Miss Helen David of Charleston, S. Atlanta Dental College; Leland Mc-C., was the Christmas guest of her Keithen and Billy Bowman from Duke University, Durham; Jerry McKeith-Mrs. Harris of Durham with her en from Citadel, Charleston, S. C.; granddaughter spent the holidays in June Campbell from Elise High Aberdeen visiting her daughter, Mrs. School, Hemp, and Lawrence Farrell, Sidney Taylor and Harry Dumeer Miss Bessie Gunter and her broth- from Elon College.

John Nichols Settles Page Trust Co. Debt.

to Pay \$5,536, Court Records in Carthage Reveal

The \$184,505.35 indebtedness of able both from the public viewpoint John G. Nichols to the Page Trust and that of the individual families Company has been settled on a basis of \$5,536.16, a record of the transac-In this number are included all farms which over a long period of clerk of the Mcore county Superior time will have to be used for some

Deposit Insurance Corporation of the U. S. Treasury Department, was executive vice president of the now defunct Page Trust Company which had branches in Aberdeen, Carthage, Albemarle, Apex, Hamlet, Liberty Raeford Raleigh Ramseur Sanford, Siler City, Thomasville Troy and Zebulon. The settlement is payable \$1,200 in cash and the balance in a note for 12 months.

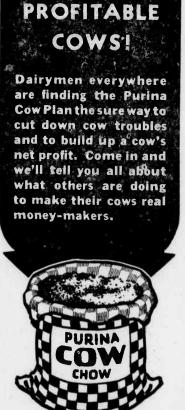
Mr. Nichols is a former Charlotte banker and was at one time a State bank examiner.

All except about 10,000 of the indebtedness represented an assessment on the stock in the Page Trust Company either held by Mr. Nichols personally or as trustee.

wholesale application.

"Private enterprise, backed by normal economic influences," Doctor Southern Pines, Gray said, "will bring about the Fayetteville, change in the use of much of this land in the future, as it has to a certain extent in the past. The principal role of the government in this regard is to encourage trends that contribute to the sound use of land, and to carry out certain preventive and corrective work that is beyond the scope of private land owners. For example, several Wisconsin counties are encouraging the proper use of land by zoning rural areas—a method already widely used in cities. The blocking together of large areas for administration as in which public action is bound to be

Various means of promoting better settlement Administration. Revised taxation systems to encourage con-Although the public purchase of servation, the development of county land by both state and federal gov- zoning programs, and the prosecution ernments is now going on, partly to of sound vigorous policies in regard to act as a demonstration of how poor tax-delinquent land are among the land can be converted to better uses, matters of policy which are now be-



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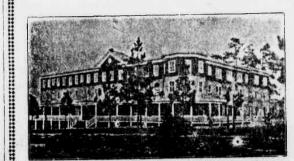
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