

STATE SHOWS LARGE GROWTH IN POPULATION

An Increase of 611,153, Or 23.9 Per Cent Over 1920 Population Count

3,170,276 IN THIS STATE

Smallest Incorporated Place In The State Is Delview With Only Ten Inhabitants

Final population figures for North Carolina have just been issued by the Census Bureau in bulletin form. The total population of the State on April 1, 1930, was 3,170,276, representing an increasing of 611,153, or 23.9 per cent, over the population in 1920. This is by far the largest numerical increase that North Carolina has ever shown in any census period, and the rate of increase is greater than that in any previous census period, with the one exception of the decade 1870 to 1880. North Carolina was one of the thirteen original states, and at the census of 1790 ranked as third in the number of inhabitants, with a population of 393,751. Since that time the State has shown a consistent population growth, first as an agricultural state and more recently as the leading industrial state of the South. The total land area of North Carolina is 48,740 square miles and in 1930 the average number of inhabitants per square mile was 65.0, as compared with 52.5 in 1920.

There are 100 counties in North Carolina, of which 95 increased in population between 1920 and 1930 and only 5 show decreases. The most rapidly growing county in the State is Guilford, which includes the cities of Greensboro and High Point. Guilford County showed an increase of 67.8 per cent between 1920 and 1930. Other counties in the State with a rate of increase of more than 50 per cent were Durham, Mecklenburg, Buncombe, Gaston and Cleveland. The most populous county in the State is Guilford, with 133,010 inhabitants. Mecklenburg is second and Forsyth, third. The most densely populated county in the State is Forsyth, with 287.8 inhabitants to the square mile. The most sparsely settled county is Tyrrell, with 13.2 persons to the square mile.

There are 21 cities and towns in North Carolina which had a population of 10,000 or more in 1930. Several of these cities have shown very rapid growth during the past ten years, and the population rank of these cities is quite different from that of 10 or 20 years ago. Charlotte is now the largest city in the State, with a population of 82,675, representing an increase of 36,337, or 78.4 per cent. Winston-Salem, the largest city in the State in 1920, is now the second city in the State, with 75,274 inhabitants. Greensboro has advanced from seventh to third place in the past 10 years, with an increase of 169.7 per cent. Durham, with an increase of 139.6 per cent, has advanced from sixth to fourth place. Asheville has dropped from fourth to fifth place, in spite of an increase of 76.1 per cent. The next three cities in the order of their population are Raleigh, the capital, High Point, and Wilmington. Seven places in the State, of which the largest is Fayetteville, first attained a population of 10,000 between 1920 and 1930.

The list of incorporated places in cities, towns or villages. The population of 38 of these places is shown separately for the first time in this bulletin. Of these 38 places, most of which were incorporated between 1920 and 1930, the largest is Spindale, in Rutherford County, with a population of 3,066. The smallest incorporated place in North Carolina is Delview, with 10 inhabitants.

FEW MARRIAGE LICENSES SOLD

Number Drops from 27 In October, 1927 to Eight During Past Month

From 27 in the month of October, 1927, the number of marriage licenses issued in this county has gradually decreased until last month. J. Sam Getzinger issued only eight, five to white and three to colored couples. The sale of licenses reflects "hard times" in Cupid's realm, and especially among the colored populace, for with two or three exceptions negro marriages have outnumbered by far the white ones. There were nine licenses issued in September by the register here, a review of the books shows.

Licenses issued last month:
White
Lester Brown-Fannie Everett, of Martin county; Earl Whitaker-Cor-thena Ingalls, of Pitt county; John Taylor-Tempie Rawls, both of Martin county; and Stator Davenport-Mrs. Chloe Beach, both of this county.
Colored
Chas. Veale-Willie Askew, of Bertie; Frank Leathers-Lenora Modica, both of Martin county; Clyde Pittman-Henrietta Best, both of this county.

Few Voting At Polls In Martin County Today

That a comparatively small vote would be cast in this county today was indicated in several reports from various precincts throughout the county. With one exception, Robersonville, the vote was described at 12:30 today as being very light; some of the precincts reporting as few as 36 votes at that time.

However, it was the belief that the voting would be greatly increased as the afternoon passed, but even then the vote will be way below past records. Williamston reported 144 voted

at 12:30, the poll holders estimating that the vote would be around 350 by closing time. Bear Grass reported 47 votes at 12:30 and Cross Roads only 36. Robersonville, with no definite figures, reported that the vote was progressing very well there. Hamilton reported very few voting and the election was said to be slow in Goose Nest.

Returns late this evening and tonight will be slow coming in, but it is believed that the result in the Senatorial race will be available comparatively early, in part, at least.

Milch Cow And Automobile Valuations In Martin County

\$68,000 COUNTY TAXES OF 1930 LEVY ARE PAID

Discount Drops from One Per Cent to One-Half of One Percent

\$679.23 FOR DISCOUNTS

Approximately One-Fifth of Town of Williamston's 1930 Levy Has Been Collected So far

Approximately \$68,000 of the \$301,000 tax levy in this county was collected during the latter part of October, it was learned from the collector's office here yesterday. A few days ago, Sheriff Roebuck estimated that the collections would reach the \$75,000 mark, but one or two big tax payers failed to effect settlement before yesterday and the goal set up by the collector was missed by \$7,000.

In actual cash, the collector received only \$67,244.15, approximately \$679.23 being retained by the tax payers as a one per cent discount. As far as it could be learned today, the total discount allowed this year, with the advantage resting in favor of the month year.

Yesterday, the size of the discount automatically dropped from one per cent to one-half of one per cent, collections being very small for the day.

Commenting on the collections, Sheriff Roebuck stated that the owners of personal property only had made but very few visits to the courthouse to square their accounts. The large property owners and practically all the corporations have paid their taxes, and quite a few of the small property owners came in for the one per cent discount allowed by law.

The one-half of one per cent discount will continue throughout this month, collections being made on and after December 1st.

Approximately \$6,460 of the town's 1930 tax levy were paid into the treasury during the month of October, it was learned from Commissioner Green's office yesterday. The collections, to date, represent about one-fifth of the entire levy, and are considered good as compared with those made in past years.

Sixty-five dollars and twenty-five cents were allowed in discounts during the period, it was stated. Very little money had been collected yesterday and this morning, the discount dropping to one-half of one per cent Saturday night.

Football Game Here Ends In Quarrel Last Friday

The Beaufort-Williamston football game here last Friday afternoon was treated as a secondary measure, when the players stopped play to take part in a free for all fight that brought the contest to a close. Both teams had battled almost on an even basis with the edge favoring the locals until the last quarter when the locals charged the visitors with unfair tactics and passed a few licks.

According to reports, Griffin, local man was tackled and had his head twisted after the whistle sounded. One of his teammates is said to have represented the tactics and passed a lick. The visitors went into a huddle and withdrew from the field, the locals claiming victory by a score of one to nothing.

Young People To Conduct Prayer Meeting Service

Wednesday evening at the regular Prayer Meeting service the young people of the Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society of the Christian Church will conduct the program in the absence of the pastor. The young people will discuss the topic, "What Shall We Do About Drinking?" Charles Manning is the leader and has planned an unusually good program. Everyone is invited to attend and see what our young folk can do.

For Every Dollar Invested In Milch Cows There Are 12 for Autos

Startling figures were revealed in a tabulation of the values of various properties in this county yesterday in the office of the register of deeds. For every dollar invested in milch cows, there are 12 dollars invested in automobiles, the report shows, and it is believed that the given valuation of the autos commands a much lower rating than the values given the cows which include scrub stock mainly. The 611 cows were valued at \$25,185 or around \$41 per head as compared with an automobile valuation of \$304,429. The number of cars was not tabulated, but it is believed that for every milch cow in the county there are three automobiles.

While the ration is considered very unfavorable here, it is understood that many of the other counties in Eastern North Carolina have as high as four automobiles to every cow.

Sheep raising comes in for a very minor part in this county, there being listed only 52 head of the animals. The total valuation for the 52 was \$92. There were 52 goats listed for taxation, 32 by white owners and 20 by colored owners. The valuation of the 52 goats was placed at \$79.

It is honestly believed that it would require one person all day to count all the dogs in the county if they were white that only 75 were listed, 59 by white owners and 16 by colored owners. Apparently the old hounds have slipped into the instable classification of property. The 59 dogs listed by white owners were valued at \$1,336 while those owned by colored people were valued at \$118, the small sum indicating an entirely different breed.

TOWN OFFICIALS HOLD MEETING

Owners Propose Opening Of New Street In New Town Section

Holding their regular meeting last night, the board of commissioners heard a varied program of matters, the main discussion centering around the sale of fish and the proposed opening of a street through the Godard and other properties from the railroad on Smithwick Street to Hatton Street. Bills were approved and matters of minor importance were discussed.

Going before the board, resident fish dealers directed a complaint against foreign dealers coming in here at more or less regular intervals and establishing an unfair competition. Sam Faulk, a dealer here for years, pointed out that the foreign sellers entering the market here were similar to the traveling merchant, here today and gone tomorrow, offering no year-around service. When questioned as to the two classes of dealers, it was pointed out that there was no marked difference, that the foreign dealers picked bargains, said to be unreliable at times, and sold their fish about a cent per pound cheaper, that the intruders maintained no all-time service, but entered the trade during the most favorable periods and reaped all the profits. The board discussed the matter at length, finally deciding to require a privilege tax, and limit sales to those made from wagon or truck, prohibiting the foreign dealers to establish himself at certain parts of the town for a several hour distribution.

Going before the board, Mr. J. G. Godard stated that several of the citizens owning property between Hatton Street and the ravine near the railroad crossing on Smithwick Street were considering opening a thoroughfare through the several properties, and asked the town's cooperation in locating it. No definite decision was reached, but it is believed that the owners will attempt to open a street from Hatton to join Smithwick at the Blount Manufacturing Company railroad crossing, one block from Main.

TEACHERS HOLD A SECOND MEET HERE SATURDAY

Superintendent R. A. Pope Stresses Importance of Economy in Buying

LARGE ATTENDANCE

No Definite Date Set for Holding Next Meeting of the County Organization

The Martin County Teachers Association held its second monthly meeting of the 1930-31 term in the high school building here last Saturday afternoon with a goodly number in attendance.

Conducting the devotional service, Rev. Dwight A. Petty, of the local Methodist Church, stated that the work of the school and church overlap to a certain extent, that the best workers in one are the best workers in the other. He read from the 13th chapter of Corinthians and offered a brief prayer in opening the session.

Superintendent R. A. Pope, addressing the meeting, stressed the importance of economy in school purchasing and urged the prompt attention in executing routine duties having to do with preparation of contracts and schedules. In conducting their work the teachers were asked to accept an actual service basis and not a pecuniary basis for it. He also pointed out that six classes, each of 90 minutes duration, would be necessary in reading circle work if proper credit is to be forwarded to Raleigh.

After debating the question as to where future meetings are to be held, the group voted to continue the sessions here, two motions, one having the meetings to alternate between Robersonville and this place, a second proposing the holding of meetings in the various schools, having been voted down.

Considering a holiday for the schools at the fair here this week, the various schools were instructed that a day missed would have to be made up, that a holiday could be considered by the various schools individually. Following a few announcements, the assembly dismissed, the teachers repairing to the various rooms for class work.

No definite date has been set for the next meeting, according to information gained at the superintendent's office yesterday. The next date falls on November 29, and it is understood that another date will be selected to avoid a conflict with Thanksgiving holidays.

MANY ASK AID AT MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS

Few Matters of Importance And Commissioners Finish Work Early

Practically all the people or their representatives, appearing before the County Board of Commissioners in regular sessions here yesterday, asked for aid, the board in most of the cases granting small allowances to those dependent upon the county for the bare necessities of life.

The commissioners completed their work at an early hour in the afternoon as only a few cases of major importance were presented to the body for adjustment.

J. G. Long, of Jamesville Township, was granted a relief order on \$400.00, 1930 taxes, for timber sold. The tax was changed to Major Loomis Co., buyer of the timber.

Simon Whitaker, was relieved from payment of poll tax due to physical disability.

Mrs. E. L. Taylor, was granted tax relief on \$360.00, for timber sold.

The monthly allowance of Emma Williams and White Slade were increased to \$5.00.

Upon recommendation of Dr. W. E. Warren and Mr. R. A. Pope Mrs. Floyd Harrison, was admitted to the county home.

Warren Barber, of Jamesville Township was relieved from the payment of poll tax due to physical disability.

Zan Taylor Released Under \$1,000 Bond Last Saturday

Charged with an assault upon Lin Willis with the intent to kill him, Zan Taylor was released from the local jail last Saturday under a \$1,000 bond, Williams physicians stating that he was out of immediate danger as a result of three gun shot wounds inflicted in his head and body. Taylor attacked Williams on Saturday, October 18 and was placed in jail shortly following the attack where he remained until last Saturday.

At the hearing held here Saturday by Justice J. L. Hassell, Taylor waived examination. Last week, Williams was up and about, the Justice deciding then to require bond in the sum of \$1,000. The case will be tried at the next term of Martin County Superior court.

Sweet Potato Promises to be Fifth Money Crop in County

Local Woman's Club Reports Very Successful Year's Work

SUBMITS REPORT AT MEETING OF CLUBS THURSDAY

Charitable Work Features Program Of Work In Past Year

TO CONSTRUCT POOL

Will Begin Work on the Swimming Pool, Near Courthouse Shortly, According to Present Plans

Ending the fiscal year last Thursday, the Williamston Woman's Club reports a highly successful and splendid work during the period. The report, made public last week, was submitted before the meeting of federation clubs of the Fifteenth District held here last Thursday by the local officers, follows:

"The Williamston Woman's Club conducts its work through the efforts of three departments, and ten committees. "With a membership of 68, our average attendance at regular meetings is only about twenty-five. These regular meetings are held monthly in the club rooms, with a prepared program for every other meeting.

The club continues to serve the Kiwanis luncheons, sponsors dances and card parties at the club rooms—all for the purpose of making money. The club rooms are often rented for various occasions. About one month ago, the club presented a play, "Oh, Doctor," from which a small amount monthly in the club rooms, with a of money was realized.

"All dues have been paid, State and District. We were unable to have a representative at the State Convention last May, so could not make any pledge for the Sallie Southall Cotton Loan Fund, but renewed our pledge of the year before, of \$10.00. This also has been paid. Our only unpaid obligation is our quota of fifty cents per capita to the Endowment Fund, twenty-five cents per capita having been paid last year. This we hope to pay before the New Year.

"There are fourteen paid subscribers to 'The Bulletin.'

"Our club presented the film 'What is Happening to the Highways of North Carolina' at the local theatre during Better Homes Week.

The grounds around our club quarters have been filled in and a hedge planted on two sides of the lot, and a rose trellis has been built in front of the kitchen door. This was made possible by our junior members. We regret to say that at present we have no Junior Department.

"Our local school has been without a parent-teacher association for two years, and realizing the great need for such an organization, the club recently sponsored the organization of one.

"The most worthy work done by the club was conducted through the Welfare Department, with Mrs. W. C. Manning, chairman. At a joint meeting of the officials of the various churches in town, it was decided to request the club to take charge of all the charitable cases in the county worthy of help. Whenever a case was reported to this department, an investigation was made and aid was given in all cases deemed necessary by the committee. With donations from the various churches, individuals and the club, \$500.00 were spent in this work last winter. The Boy Scouts helped in this work also. There were between 90 and 100 cases aided in this work last winter.

At the last regular meeting, the members voted to build a swimming pool right away on the lot owned by the club, so this is the undertaking before us at present. The town has about completed the construction of the street which leads to our lot, so we hope work will soon be under way on the pool.

"One of the most interesting occasions the club has experienced was the program put on by the chairman of the American Home Department, in which there was a joint meeting of the home demonstration clubs of the county with the members of the Woman's club. The entire group was addressed by Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, of Raleigh, and it is needless to say that it was both enjoyable and instructive."

Learn About Lespedeza On Trip To Stanly

A group of Cumberland farmers made a pilgrimage to Stanly last week to learn about lespedeza and what it will do a worn-improverished soil.

GROWERS WILL CURE AROUND 20,000 BUSHELS

Crop Limited In County This Year Account Of Dry Weather

MANY CURING HOUSES

20,000 Crates Are Used by Martin Farmers In Handling Portion Of This Year's Crop

The importance of and the possible development of the sweet potato in Martin county are well pointed out in County Agent T. B. Brandon's report to the county board of commissioners in regular session here yesterday. In the report for the month of October, Mr. Brandon stated that Martin County has thirty-five potato curing houses in various parts of the county, that the estimated yield handled in these barns this year will be around 20,000 bushels.

Well acquainted with the growing conditions and the markets, Mr. Brandon states that it is possible that this county will become a real sweet potato-growing county, adding another to its list of money crops. There is not any likelihood that the county will flood the market as the potatoes grown here sell readily on the northern markets, Mr. Brandon added.

To handle the potatoes in curing barns, the agent ordered for the 35 farmers approximately 20,000 crates, the deliveries being practically complete at this time.

The condition of the crop this season was not advanced in his October report, but it was stated a few days ago that the yield would be limited on account of the dry weather during the growing season.

During past years, the sweet potato has been grown principally in this county for home use. Recently, however, individual carlot shipments have been made to West Virginia and northern markets. Several carloads will be shipped later on this year, according to present plans of several of the growers.

In making his report, the agent stated that he had held 159 office conferences, received 158 phone and 168 letters. He visited 72 farms and traveled 1,257 miles during the period on official duties. Two hundred and ninety-two hogs were treated during the month, the report also stated.

TO HOLD FAIR AT EVERETTS

Second Community Fair Is Sponsored by Parent-Teacher Association

The Everetts Community Fair, sponsored by the parent-teacher association of that place, will be held in the school building there next Tuesday, November 11. Preparations for the fair have been made complete and a successful event is predicted.

Sponsored by an unusually active parent-teacher association the fair has a very interesting program this year, several speakers of note appearing on the program. B. Troy Ferguson, district agent of agriculture, Raleigh, will address the body Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock and Senator W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Woodland, will speak that night at 7:30. Interested in the agricultural and economic conditions in this particular section, the speakers will no doubt, have many valuable things to say to the fair visitors. No admission charge will be made, and a cordial invitation is extended the public to attend the fair and hear these two able speakers.

The parent-teacher association held its first fair last year, and the under taking proved highly successful. A premium list and program have been prepared and distributed by the officials, and may exhibits are expected. In the evening the parent-teacher group will serve supper, and a substantial patronage is forecasted.

Slight Increase In T. B. Deaths In This State

A slight increase in the total number of deaths from tuberculosis in North Carolina was shown last year, as compared with the total for the year before 1928, according to statistics announced a short time ago by the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the North Carolina State Board of Health. The total for 1929 for all forms of tuberculosis was 2,553, as compared with 2,447 for 1928. The 1929 total included 2,325 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis and 228 deaths from other forms of the disease. There were twenty-two deaths in this county resulting from tuberculosis according to the State Bureau of Vital Statistics.

NINTH ANNUAL FAIR OPENED THIS MORNING

Threatening Weather Said To Limit the Opening Attendance Here

SPLENDID FREE ACTS

Unique Carving Exhibit By Sidna Allen On Display at Fair Here This Week

The ninth annual Roanoke fair opened here this morning with a comparatively small attendance, a heavy rain during last night and threatening weather this morning limiting the crowds to very small numbers. While a portion of the carnival equipment was in operation this morning, much of it had to be put up at noon today, and it will be late today or tomorrow before the outfit is fully underway, it is understood. The number of exhibits is limited, the arrangements for the fair being made late in the season for county exhibitors to compete for prizes. However, exhibitors are increasing in number and a fair show is expected by tomorrow.

Friday, the local scholols will have a holiday, the children being the guests of the fair association that day according to a statement made by the management today.

According to information coming direct from the grounds at noon today a splendid program of free acts has been booked for showing twice daily in front of the grandstand. Several of the acts played the North Carolina and Virginia State fairs, it was stated. The fireworks display, costing several hundred dollars, will feature the night program throughout the week.

Admission prices have been dropped to popular figures, 25 and 50 cents with grand stand free both day and night except Thursday when the automobile races will be held.

Doubtless one of the most interesting things at the fair is the display of cabinet art work of Sidna Allen, who is remembered as one of those who was in the Hillsville tragedy in which a judge and several officers were killed. Allen was sent to the Virginia penitentiary and while there he worked the regular eight hours per day for the state and put in, during his term, seven and one-half years carving. He is displaying one table built of 16,000 pieces of hand-carved wood. Another table, in which there are 79 varieties of wood and more than 75,000 different pieces, is on display. He has refused \$7,000 for the table.

CHANGE MADE IN GRADING FORCE

P. D. May Peanut Grader Here During Illness of O. N. Henley

Mr. P. D. May, of LaGrange, yesterday was located here to continue the government grading of peanuts in the place of Mr. O. N. Henley who was forced to give up the work temporarily by an appendix operation.

Mr. May has been in the government grading for a number of years and has had much experience in peanut grading on the farms of Virginia. He can be reached through County Agent Tom Brandon or at the home of Mrs. H. B. York, on Simmons Ave.

While the grading work was slightly delayed on account of Mr. Henley's illness, Mr. May is making a hurried study of the territory and is planning to carry on an extensive work during the peanut season. Although the season is just underway at this time, it was learned yesterday that the number of calls for the grading service is increasing daily, many of the growers using the service last year calling for it again this year.

No White Marriage In Chowan Last Month

Not a single marriage license was issued to white applicants in Chowan county during the month of October, Register of Deeds Maurice L. Bunch has announced. Five permits were issued during the month, but they were all secured by Negro applicants. In September, there were only four licenses issued from the office of the register of deeds. These were equally divided between the races, two having been issued to white and two to Negroes.