

URGE COUNTY TO GET FULL-TIME WELFARE WORK

State Pays Half of Cost Work Especially Needed During "Hard Times"

Special effort is being made this year to induce a number of counties including Martin, to employ full-time superintendents of public welfare, according to Miss Lois Doshier, director of the division of county organization of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare. Miss Doshier appeared before the Martin board recently, but little was accomplished at that time toward hiring a full-time welfare worker, and the prospects, it is believed, are not very bright for one just now. In visiting the counties, Miss Doshier is urging counties to include before officials here some time ago the welfare work in their program of handling the apptals of the needy.

The fact that the state now pays half the salary of the welfare worker makes the service cost only half as much as formerly. Many counties could employ a full-time superintendent of public welfare with an outlay of only a few hundred dollars in addition to what they are paying the superintendent of schools to do the work in an ex-officio capacity. The majority of the counties could put on a worker without an addition tax levy.

Numbers of superintendents of public welfare have saved more than their salaries by investigating the pauper list of their counties. The welfare officer in Surry, for instance, has more than saved his salary by reducing the pauper dole. He found relatives who could care for certain ones who had long been charges of the county and purged the list of all who were not in real need. With private donations and funds from organizations he was able to take care of others. In addition, he insisted that every pauper raise a garden so that he will be self-supporting for a part of the year, at least. Usually when a superintendent of public welfare starts investigating a pauper list he finds a number of actual grafters. One county, for instance, had unwittingly supported a woman for years who was no longer a resident of the county as she had a job in an adjoining county. But each month she returned for her pauper check.

When the legislature of 1931 provided for state maintenance of the six-months school term, it also provided that the state pay one-half the salary of the superintendent of public welfare according to a graduated scale based on the county's population. The reason was that the superintendent of public welfare has always received half his salary from the board of education because he is the chief school attendance officer. Seeing the wisdom and economy in employing a welfare of-

While Rome Burns



ficer, many counties are expected to make provision for them this June.

Because of the unusual calls that have come during the depression, it is especially important that a trained worker handle the welfare job, Miss Doshier pointed out. First, because funds for poor relief are limited and should be expended as wisely as possible; second, because families never appealing before are liable to become chronic paupers unless given the aid and encouragement that will assist them to become independent again.

One county commissioner in a certain county told Miss Doshier: "Last year I told you I was going to fight your plan, but I want you to know that I am going to fight with you this year. It had not had a warm winter, I don't know what we would have done. So many people have been in need."

Few Contagious Diseases In County Last Month

Probably fewer contagious diseases were reported in this county last month than in any similar period since official records have been kept. The report included six whooping cough cases, all among white children, three in Williamston Township and three in Poplar Point.

The month was an unusually warm one all right, and judging from the health report it was an unusually healthy one also.

Gets Good Fruit By Using Lime and Planting Beans

By keeping up the fertility of his orchard through planting soybeans and liming, L. A. Anderson, of Haywood County, has secured good sets of fruit for the past four years.

ANT BEAR HALTS CHURCH SERVICE

Walks Into Local Colored Church and Causes Uproar

Plymouth, N. C., September 9.—An ant-eater, on whatever the animal's name is, went to church here recently—and 30 frightened colored people fled.

The animal belonged to Jack Swain and for a time was kept in a pen at the plant here of the National Handle Company. The keepers tired of troubling with him and turned him back to Mr. Swain.

In the midst of the service the animal walked into the church and looked around. Women screamed. Bewildered deacons sought to frighten him away. All to no avail. So the congregation left the Spring Green church here on Fourth Street.

Men with weapons drove the animal out of the church. The animal did not bother any one, but stubbornly refused to leave the church at first. The animal resembles a coon except that it has a long tail and the mouth of an ant-eater.

Announce Curb Market Prices For Tomorrow

There are more sellers at this time of year than last year, which is most encouraging for the curb market. Eggs last week were scarce and no doubt will be this week. With the increased price of eggs, it will be necessary for all sellers to get more per pound for their cakes. We are hoping in spite of this to have our patronage continue. A partial list of prices follows for this week:

Eggs, dozen, 20c; butter beans, 3 quarts, 25c; string beans, 4c lb.; field peas, 3 quarts 25c; corn, 15c doz.; tomatoes, 2 lbs. 5c; salad, 4c lb.; Irish potatoes, 1 1-2c lb.; cabbage, 2c lb.; cakes, 18c to 21c lb.

Revival Will Begin at Sunday At Gold Point

Rev. A. E. Purvis, pastor, will begin a series of revival services in the Gold Point Christian church next Sunday, and the people of the entire community are cordially urged to make arrangements to attend. The pastor and members of the congregation are extending every one a hearty invitation to attend and take part in the song and prayer services and join them in worship. It was not stated just how long the series of services will continue, but detailed announcements will be made later.

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BICYCLE FOUND ON MAIN Street in Williamston Monday, September 5th. Name of bicycle, "Simmons Banner." Owner may get same by proving ownership.—See Clinton Johnson at Parker Grocery Company, Williamston. 2t

COTTON PRICES TAKE DROP AS REPORT IS MADE

Resulting Losses Average From \$3 to \$4 on the Running Bale

Cotton prices tumbled yesterday when the September report indicated an increase of about 4,000 bales over the August 8 figures. The crop report was followed by losses of from \$3 to \$4 a bale and continued heavy selling of contracts extended these losses and brought the market to about the lowest level at the close.

The 1932 cotton crop was forecasted yesterday by the Department of Agriculture at 11,310,000 bales on the conditions existing on September 1. A month ago 11,306,000 bales were forecast. Production last year was 17,996,000 bales.

The condition of the crop on September 1 was 56.6 percent of a normal crop as compared with 65.6 percent a month ago, 68 per cent a year ago and 65.1 percent the ten year September 1 average.

The indicated yield is placed at 149.8 pounds per acre as compared with 149.6 a month ago, 201 pounds produced last year and 151.4 the ten year average.

The preliminary estimate of acreage remaining September 1 for picking is placed at 35,611,000 acres were in cultivation comparing with the average abandonment of 3.1 per cent in the last ten years and 40,495,000 acres picked last year.

The acreage remaining September 1 for picking, the September 1 condition and the indication production follow:

North Carolina, 1,251,000; 61 per cent; 615,140.

Cotton ginnings of this year's crop

grown prior to September 1 were reported yesterday by the Census Bureau to have totaled 865,252 running bales compared with 565,753 bales a year ago and 1,879,919 bales two years ago.

Walter Burch, of Clay County, has increased his corn yield during the past 10 years from 10 to 40 bushels an acre. Red clover and peas get the credit, and County Agent Bowditch says that other crops on the farm have been increased in the same ratio.

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