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A Downward Trend

A review of the attendance records and census figures for the school districts in Martin County offers something to think about. The perplexing problem apparently is receiving no great attention from educational leaders, and the general public is accepting the downward trend as a matter of course.

There were 4,359 white children of school age in Martin County, the 1937-38 school census shows. Last week 3,206 of that number reported for work in the ten white schools. Where are the remaining 1,153 boys and girls who should be in the schools of the county?

Prior to 1936, attendance figures were increasing steadily in the county, but in that year almost 100 white children were lost to the schools. The trend has been downward since, the schools last year losing almost another hundred children. No material change in the opening-day enrollment figures is noticeable this year compared with those of a year ago, but the 1937-38 census shows a gain over the previous period, indicating that the attendance upon the schools continues to decrease while the number of children of school age continues to increase.

The twenty-five out of every 100 children who are not attending school in this county are for the most part to be classified with the group that is presenting the trying economic, social and civic problems of today.

School authorities are not responsible to any great extent for this bad situation. The blame

rests at the door of an ill-operating economic system, a system that holds many children at home to do manual labor when the doors of storehouses are bulging with plenty and millions of able-bodied men walk the streets with nothing to do.

The mothers and fathers may think it fine for their 75 out of every 100 children in the county to get an education and let the others drift. But the facts are before us now, proving beyond all doubt that the 75 are having to support the other 25, the ratio varying in size from time to time according to conditions.

When a youngster is held at home to help do the manual labor, it will be well for the public to step in and help remedy the cause that is keeping the little fellow at home. If we fail in that task, we are allowing a serious economic problem to take root and spread in the years just ahead.

There are those in the 25-group who are hopeless; but all those in the 75-group will not prove successful. The solution of the problem does not rest so much in the warrant as it does in our economic system. When a grown person, the father of a family, is held to a task for the meager sum of 75 cents a day, the rainy days netting nothing, it is easy to understand why little children are held at home to forage the streets and fields in an effort to fit their living into a cruel economic system.

Some are shiftless, to be sure. Some are not to be helped, it is admitted. But those who don't want to pay a living wage, try to hide their sins behind such argument altogether.

"Our farmers pay nearly twice as much for labor as your farmers pay in Martin County," a citizen from an adjoining county said the other day. "Our farmers seem to live equally as well if not better than yours, and nearly all of their children are attending school," he explained. Here is one explanation of the bad situation as it exists right at home. Too many of our leaders who openly acclaim the advantages of an education for every child are supporting an economic system that denies them the opportunity of those advantages. A solution to the problem is not easy to be had, but we, in this county, may learn something as a starter by going into the neighboring county and observing how higher wages are enabling everyone to live better.

Last year when more than 1,000 white children were out of school, there were more than 2,000 colored children who never entered a school room. And that's another problem.

Attendance upon the white schools has reached the saturation point, the records show. Apparently we have advanced as far as existing conditions will permit. We can't remain stable, and when a close study of the conditions is made one will find that we are going backward.

The hardest job a youngster faces is that of learning good manners without seeing any exchange.

Expecting First Cotton Price Adjustment Payments Soon

The first of the approximately \$40,000 cotton price adjustment payments are expected to reach this county within the next week or two, according to unofficial information received here this week. In those counties where cotton is grown on a large scale and where the farmers filed their applications early, quite a few payments have already been made, it is understood.

To date in this county, more than 400 cotton farmers have filed applications for the special price adjustment payments. More than a hundred of those who made their applications on or about the middle of August are almost certain to receive their payments within a week or two.

Farmers who have not applied for

the payments are urged to do so as early as possible, the time of payment depending largely upon the time applications are filed.

It is estimated that the approximately 1,000 cotton farmers in this county who are eligible for the payments will receive more than \$40,000. With very, very few exceptions the entire lot of them have complied with the control law requirements this year, making them eligible for the payments.

Payments will average around three cents a pound, and will be based on about 60 per cent of the base acreage for the past year.

Martin farmers will be notified direct when their checks are received by the county agent and when to call for them.

Asks Larger Aid Equalizing Fund For N. C. Counties

A larger equalization fund to aid counties under the public assistance program will be sought at the 1939 session of the General Assembly, the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare announced recently.

Meeting in Raleigh to consider the biennial report to the governor and the legislative body, the state board voted to ask for a quarter-million dollar increase in funds for old age assistance and \$150,000 more for aid to dependent children.

For each year of the coming biennium a total of one and one-quarter millions will be asked for indigent old people while \$650,000 will be asked for each year for distribution among North Carolina's needy children.

Present at the meeting were Col. W. A. Blair, Winston-Salem, chairman; E. Hervev Evans, Laurinburg, Mrs. Walter C. Crowell, Monroe, Miss Carrie McLean, Charlotte, and Robert Hairston, Reidsville.

State Welfare Commissioner Mrs. W. T. Bost stated in discussing the biennial report that an attempt was being made this year to make the booklet an interpretation of policies and practices of the new services the board is now rendering, particularly under federal, state and local cooperation in welfare work.

Miss Lavinia Keys, regional director, public assistance division of the Social Security Board, Washington, was present at one session of the state board and discussed with

\$6,079 For Matron Service In Martin County Schools

Washington, N. C., Sept. 5.—Harry Hopkins' office today notified Representative Lindsay Warren that the president has approved a WPA project for matron service in the public schools of Martin County amounting to \$6,079. It must now be approved by the Comptroller General.

The members progress made in the state during the past year.

"North Carolina's greatest difficulty now is the smallness of grants under the public assistance program," Miss Keys said.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Joseph B. Lanier, deceased, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit same to the undersigned on or before the thirty-first day of August, 1939, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 31st day of August, 1938. C. D. CARSTARPHEN, Administrator of the Estate of Joseph B. Lanier.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Washington Division.

In Bankruptcy No. 654.

In the matter of Thomas Poe Fleming, Bankrupt.

The petition of Thomas Poe Fleming, of Grimesland, North Carolina, for a full discharge in Bankruptcy, having been filed in said Court, it is ordered by the Court that a hearing be had on October 3, 1938, before Honorable I. M. Meekins, Judge of said Court, at Washington, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock P. M., and that all known creditors and other in-

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NOTICE

Sale of Farm Lands

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, October 4th, 1938, at eleven o'clock, A. M., at Harrison Brothers & Company's store in Williamston, North Carolina, the following farms will be sold at public auction, to-wit:

MOBLEY FARM: Located three miles southwest of Williamston, containing 84 acres cleared, 124 acres in woods, and having 18.4 acres base tobacco allotment.

LASSITER FARM: Located five miles south of Williamston, containing 34 acres cleared, 31 acres in woods, and having 6.9 acres base tobacco allotment.

RIDDICK FARM: Located two miles south of Williamston, containing 45 acres cleared, 55 acres in woods, and having 12 acres base tobacco allotment.

RAWLES FARM: Located five miles south of Williamston, containing 36 acres cleared, 50 acres in woods, and having 8.5 acres base tobacco allotment.

RAWLES FARM: Located five miles south of Williamston, containing 14 acres cleared, 9 acres in woods.

WHITAKER FARM: Located four miles northwest of Williamston, containing 154 acres cleared, 846 acres in woods, and having 29.5 acres base tobacco allotment.

MIZELLE FARM: Located three miles west of Williamston, containing 56 acres cleared, 94 acres in woods, and having 12.5 acres base tobacco allotment.

BRYANT FARM: Located seven miles northwest of Williamston, containing 90 acres cleared, 85 acres in woods, and having 14.2 acres base tobacco allotment.

PRICE FARM: Located four miles west of Williamston, containing 62 acres cleared, 38 acres in woods, and having 8.3 acres base tobacco allotment.

HARGETT FARM: Located five miles west of Williamston, containing 37 acres cleared, 50 acres in woods, and having 6.5 acres base tobacco allotment.

GRIFFIN FARM: Located four miles southeast of Williamston, containing 31 acres cleared, 28 acres in woods, and having 7 acres base tobacco allotment.

SMITH FARM: Located four miles southeast of Williamston, containing 20 acres cleared, 118 acres in woods and having 4.5 acres base tobacco allotment.

STUBBS FARM: Located seven miles southeast of Williamston, containing 25 acres cleared, 109 acres in woods, and having 6.6 acres base tobacco allotment.

BAZEMORE FARM: Located seven miles southeast of Williamston, containing 10 acres cleared, 40 acres in woods.

GRIFFIN SCHOOL HOUSE: Located four miles southeast of Williamston, consisting of a dwelling and lot of one acre.

WINNIE MIZELLE FARM: Located two miles east of Bear Grass, containing nine acres of timber land.

ROEBUCK FARM: Located six miles west of Williamston, consisting of a one-tenth undivided interest in 125 acres cleared land and 185 acres of wood land, subject to the life estate of Mrs. F. J. Roebuck.

CONOHO FARM: Located two miles north of Williamston, containing 56 acres cleared and 224 acres in woods.

DAVIS FARM: Located three miles east of Jamesville, containing 9 acres cleared, 129 acres in woods.

CHARLES GURKIN FARM: Located three miles east of Jamesville, containing 28 acres cleared, 27 acres in woods, and having 6.6 acres base tobacco allotment.

WILLIAM GURKIN FARM: Located three miles east of Jamesville, containing 26 acres cleared, 10 acres in woods, and having 6.9 acres base tobacco allotment.

CROMWELL FARM: Located six miles west of Williamston, containing 85 acres cleared, 141 acres in woods, and having 15.1 acres base tobacco allotment.

HARRISON FARM: Located six miles south of Williamston, containing 76 acres cleared, 104 acres in woods, and having 18.6 acres base tobacco allotment.

Terms: One-third cash, and the balance in seven equal annual installments.

These farms are being sold under order of court for division. Full descriptions and particulars will be furnished upon request and at time of sale. The services of a clerk to visit and inspect these farms will be given upon request at the office.

This the 3rd day of September, 1938.

HARRISON BROTHERS & COMPANY E. S. Peel and R. L. Coburn, Attys.

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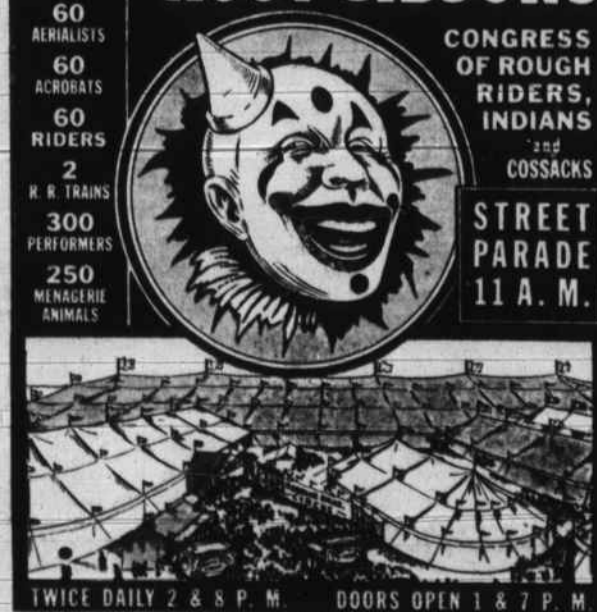
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