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We don't believe much in very severe punishment for the antics of college boys, but if these antics continue as drastic as they seem to have been at Wake Forest, somebody will feel the heavy hand of the law.

The report of the board of agriculture through its chairman places North Carolina as third in the standing of states on a basis of \$303,837,400 for the combined crops of the state. Texas and California are placed ahead of the state.

"This shows," said Major Graham, "that North Carolina is third and that the states of Illinois and Iowa, which for ten years have been reported second and third and seemed to have secured these positions permanently, are surpassed by the Tar Heels, who are beginning to exhibit to the world their capacity to stand near the head in all their undertakings and were only awaiting a suitable year to show what they could do."

"The year just closing has been one of the most remarkable in our agricultural history," said Major Graham in his report. "Although we have had the most extensive drought in the history of the state since records have been kept, and the fertilizer used was only 57 per cent of that used last year, the yield of cotton and tobacco per acre was fully up to the average."

REDUCTION OF MILLIONS

Tax values in the 49 counties reported by the commissioner have dropped approximately \$292,000,000 the value in round figures, being the same ratio for the other 51 counties yet unheard from, the value of all property in the state will drop more than half a billion dollars for the year.

The report of the revenue commissioner shows the tax values of Edgecombe county for 1920 were \$51,634,721. While for the year 1921 this report shows the tax values to be \$33,446,145, and by subtracting the tax values of 1921 from those of 1920, there is a shrinkage of \$18,188,576. This shrinkage results from a horizontal cut of 40 per cent for the county and 25 per cent for the towns.

DOINGS OF LEGISLATURE

The jury trial bill specifies that in all controversies over the rate of school tax which is needed to operate the public schools for 6 months trial shall be by jury, the decree of the courts being final. Heretofore actions which have been started over this question were first heard before the superior court judge in chambers, the case going direct from the judge's ruling to the supreme court for an opinion.

If the bill passes the senate it will call for a jury trial in cases over the question as to the rate of tax needed for the public schools in the various counties of the state where complaint is registered as to whether the county commissioners have executed the authority in fixing the school tax rate.

The Municipal Finance Act struck snag in the senate Thursday morning, when the question was raised that there might be some doubt as to the constitutionality of this act in present shape. Among the law-

yers of the senate there is quite a diversity of opinion. The supreme court has this Municipal Finance Act before it and will give its opinion today or tomorrow. The trouble with the bill is that the towns of Madison county have tried to get exemption from the sections relative to bonds.

Two bills for the increase of officers' salaries have been defeated so far. One was a bill to increase the salary of the adjutant general from \$3,000 to \$4,500, was defeated in the senate, and the other was a bill in the house to increase the salary of the treasurer of Mecklenburg county from \$3,000 to \$3,600. This was defeated.

Roll call bills that yet have to pass both houses are in a dangerous condition. The general legislature may not adjourn until Monday or Tuesday of next week.

The legislature will pass a bill to name a commission to study the system of taxation. It will be the business of this commission to fix a plan for financing the school system. If this commission can clear the tax system and get things out of the present dilemma, their efforts will not be in vain. This commission will consist of three members from the house and two from the senate. The entire school tax system will be thoroughly studied. There was some opposition to this bill in the house, but it soon vanished.

J. D. SUGARMAN'S COTTON LETTER

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The situation is considered less threatening and little attention is being paid to cables from Paris stating that Germany cannot make her payment due in January.

On this side of the water, spot markets were generally quiet, but New Orleans reported that 3,000 bales had been sold for export and that the demand at that point was good. New England mills are also said to be in the market at New Orleans for spots.

Cotton mills at Lawrence, Mass., where 22,000 operatives are employed, are stated to be on practically 100 per cent basis.

Of course, the most significant feature to the situation at present is the continued cutting down of certified stock at New York. It is now down to 66,192 bales. This stock consists mostly of last year's crop and is considered a better grade than this year's.



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near future.

Lugin & Bryan: The underlying factors in the cotton situation are such as to warrant the expectation that the next important move in the price of this commodity will be an upward direction.

Lamborn & Co.: The time elapsed since the bureau has been used to watch developments in the dry goods and spot cotton markets and steadiness of both has disturbed confidence of shorts.

Fynchone & Co.: We continue to feel friendly toward the long side of the market on all decisive setbacks.

A. A. Hausman & Co.: Until spots and goods show more activity it is unlikely that permanent advances can be established. Local spot cotton firms who have been long January and short March were undoing straddle yesterday. The reduction of 65,000 bales in the local stock October 1 has been the result of shipment by nine different firms since. More than half of amount has been exported to the Far East. Other shipments have gone to Liverpool, the Continent and to various domestic mill points. The Journal of Commerce publishes another long article this morning criticizing the government report and Washington dispatches quotes Senator Dial of South Carolina as declaring that the "time has come when the department of agriculture should be overhauled and reorganized or certainly looked into very thoroughly."

This the 15th day of December, 1921.
HENRY C. BOURNE, Trustee.

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina. In Bankruptcy No. 783.

In the Matter of A. J. Brown, Bankrupt. Notice of First Meeting of Creditors.

To the Creditors of A. J. Brown, of Merry Hill, N. C., in the County of Bertie, and District aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of December, A.D. 1921, the said A. J. Brown was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at Abookie, in Bank Building, on the 23rd day of December, A.D. 1921, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

MARSHALL C. STATON, U. S. Referee in Bankruptcy, Tarboro, N. C., 12-13-1921.

NOTICE OF LAND SALE Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by Methuselah Exum and wife, Maria Exum, Alexx Exum and wife, Maggie Exum, Richard Exum and wife, Mary Exum, and Louis Exum, to Donnell Gilliam, Trustee, same being dated August 20th, 1919, and registered in Book 213, at page 209, Edgecombe County Registry, default having been made and demand for foreclosure having been made by the owner of said indebtedness, the said trustee will on Monday, the 16th day of January, 1922, at the hour of 12 M., before the Court House door in Tarboro, N. C., offer at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tracts or parcels of land, lying and being in the county of Edgecombe, State of North Carolina, to-wit:

FIRST TRACT Containing 224 1-2 acres, more or less, and being bounded on the north by V. B. Lawrence, D. M. Daniel, on the east by the Lawrence "Guy" Farm, on the south by

the lands of Barlow and W. A. Hart, on west by Mrs. Martha Phillips; being same land conveyed to Methuselah Exum by W. S. Flournoy and wife, Annie F. Flournoy, by deed in Book 114, at page 132, Edgecombe Registry.

SECOND TRACT Containing 122 1-2 acres, more or less, and being bounded on north by Theodore Fountain, on east by J. L. Fountain and public road, on south by county school property and lands of Laura um by George Howard and H. L. Leggett and Leggett heirs, on west by lands of Theodore Fountain; being a portion of land conveyed to Methuselah Exum, Richard Exum, Alex Exum, and Louis Exum, by J. L. Fountain and wife by deed in book 135, at page 466, Edgecombe Registry.

THIRD TRACT Containing 85 1-2 acres, more or less, and being bounded on north by Henry Bryant, on east by the lands of J. L. Fountain, on south and west by lands of Theodore Fountain, being identical tract of land conveyed to Methuselah Exum, Commissioners, by deed in book 107, at page 302, Edgecombe Registry.

Said tracts of land containing in the aggregate 432.50 acres, more or less, and having such shape, metes, courses and distances, as will more fully appear from plats made by R. A. Stamper, Surveyor, July 15, 1919, December 10th, 1921.

DONNELL GILLIAM, d13-1tw-4wks Trustee.

Notice of First Meeting of Creditors In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina. In Bankruptcy No. 780.

In the Matter of W. N. Herring, of Hobgood, Bankrupt. To the Creditors of W. N. Herring, of Hobgood, in the County of Halifax, and District aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of December, A.D. 1921, the said W. N. Herring was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at Tarboro, N. C., in Court House, on the 22nd day of December, A.D. 1921, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

MARSHALL C. STATON, U. S. Referee in Bankruptcy, Tarboro, N. C., 12-10-1921.

Notice of First Meeting of Creditors In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina. In Bankruptcy No. 779.

In the Matter of W. L. Bailey, of Hobgood, N. C., Bankrupt. To the Creditors of W. L. Bailey, of Hobgood, in the County of Halifax, and District aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of December, A.D. 1921, the said W. L. Bailey was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at Tarboro, N. C., in Court House, on the 22nd day of December, A.D. 1921, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

MARSHALL C. STATON, U. S. Referee in Bankruptcy, Tarboro, N. C., 12-10-1921.

NOTICE Under the power contained in a deed of trust given by Kennedy-Moye Realty Co., Inc., and Commercial Land Co., Inc., to J. P. Bunn, Trustee, on May 8, 1919, recorded in book 213, page 7, Edgecombe county registry, and book 249, page 52, Nash county registry, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, before The National Bank of Rocky Mount, in the city of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, on Saturday, January 14, 1922, at twelve o'clock M., certain real estate situated in Nash and Edgecombe counties, state of North Carolina and described in said deed of trust as follows:

Said tracts of land being farms Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 34 of said lots or farms being situated in Nash county, also the following other farms, to-wit: Farms Nos. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32,

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33, 35, which farms or lots are situated in Edgecombe county, all of the said above farms, by their numbers are shown on map made by Lambs and Davis, C. E., of Raleigh, N. C., of the farm of L. P. Christman and wife and known as his Oakdale Farm about 2 miles north of Rocky Mount, which map is recorded in Plat Book No. 1, page 103, in the office of the register of deeds of Nash county, and said map is also recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Edgecombe county in book 1, page 100, to which reference is hereto made for description of all of the above named and numbered lots, containing in all 464.30 acres, the acreage of each lot being shown on the above map; all of this land having this day been purchased from L. P. Christman and wife by deed of even date, to which deed reference is hereby made. Excepting tracts Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26 which have been sold and released from lien of said trust deed.

December 10, 1921.
J. P. BUNN, Trustee.

NOTICE OF SALE Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by C. E. Hoard or the 19th day of May, 1920, same being registered in book 223, at page 360, Edgecombe Registry, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured therein and the holder of said notes having made demand for foreclosure, the undersigned will on the 2nd day of January, 1922, at 12 o'clock M., before the court house door in Tarboro, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described land; All that certain lot of land lying and situated and being in the county of Edgecombe, State of North Carolina, town of Tarboro, and being lot No. 14-A on plat of land formerly owned by C. B. and J. P. Keech, and known as Arlington or Keechtown, as surveyed and platted by J. C. Brady, C. E., plat of which is of record in Map Book 1, at page 141, Edgecombe County Registry, to which said plat reference is made for more perfect and complete description by metes and bounds.

November 29th, 1921.
Farmers Banking & Trust Co. Donnell Gilliam, Attorney.

NOTICE—LAND SALE Under and by virtue of a certain mortgage dated September 29, 1921, executed by I. G. Garrett to the undersigned, default having been made in payment of the notes therein secured, I will on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1921, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P.M. offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, in front of the Court House door in the town of Tarboro, the following described real estate: Being lots Nos. 11 and 14 as shown on map made September 1919, by Lambe and Davis which map is recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Edgecombe county, and said lots containing 41.49 acres.

This the 22nd day of Nov., 1921.
A. J. Corbett, Mortgagee. Bryce Little, Atty., Wilson, N. C.

NOTICE Having qualified as administratrix of Jennie B. Walker, this is to notify all persons having claims against her estate, to present them on or before November 28th, 1921, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery thereon.

LOU BUNTING, Admr'x., n28-1tw-6wks Conetoe, N.C. W. O. Howard, Attorney.

NOTICE Under and by virtue of a certain deed of trust given by Kennedy-Moye Realty Co., Inc., and Commercial Land Co., Inc., to J. P. Bunn, Trustee, on May 8, 1919, recorded in book 213, page 7, Edgecombe county registry, and book 249, page 52, Nash county registry, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, before The National Bank of Rocky Mount, in the city of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, on Saturday, January 14, 1922, at twelve o'clock M., certain real estate situated in Nash and Edgecombe counties, state of North Carolina and described in said deed of trust as follows:

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to an iron stake corner of Lot No. 2; thence south 80 1-2 d. east 296 feet to an iron stake on the road; thence with the road a southwesterly direction 207 feet to the beginning; containing 1 1-5 acres of land according to plat of division of the Mary Armstrong property made by Fredell Williams, surveyor.

This the 3rd day of Dec., 1921.
THE ROCKY MOUNT SAVINGS AND TRUST COMPANY, Commissioner. Battle & Winslow, Attys.

NOTICE OF SALE By virtue of the power of sale contained in the deed of trust executed to me on the 5th day of April, 1921, by John R. Chapman, such deed of trust being recorded in book 175, at page 444 in the office of the register of deeds of Edgecombe county, North Carolina, I will on Monday, January 9th, 1922, at 11 o'clock A. M. at the court house door in Tarboro, Edgecombe county, North Carolina, sell at public auction for cash, the land described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situate in No. 14 Township, Edgecombe county, North Carolina, bounded on the north by the lands of Truman Daughtridge, on the east by the lands of the heirs of Jno. Dorsey Barnes, on the south by the lands of the late Chas. H. Harper, and on the west by Kelly Gay, containing 92.6 acres, more or less, known as the Mill pond tract, and is a part remaining unsold of the original of the 132 acres that was conveyed by Jas. W. Hines to T. M. Hines, his wife, and R. H. Ruffin, trustee to Jas. H. Chapman, by deed recorded in book 76, at page 121 in the office of the register of deeds of Edgecombe county and the same lands conveyed in the last will and testament of Jas. H. Chapman, deceased, to J. R. Chapman.

This December 9th, 1921.
T. T. THORNE, Trustee. Thorne & Thorne, Attys. dec12-1tw-4wks

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