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ALL THE LOCAL NEWS

## EDGECOMBE COUNTY MAY BE SURVEYED SOON BY THE FARM TENANT COMMISSION

To Ascertain Whether Tenancy Is Due to Inherited Physical Defects, Crop Failures, Market Conditions, Accidents, Disease, or Deaths in the Family, Or Lack Of Start in Life. Relation of Land Credit, Time-Merchant Credit, and Lein.

John Smith, tenant farmer.

Why is he a tenant, how does he live, can he rise to ownership, and if so how—this is the subject of a survey of social and economic conditions on one thousand North Carolina farms, to be conducted this summer by the Commission on Farm Tenancy appointed by the State Board of Agriculture.

The commission consists of Clarence Poe and C. C. Wright representing the board of agriculture, B. F. Brown of the state division of markets, E. C. Brown of the department of rural social science at the University of North Carolina, E. C. Lindeman of the North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro, and Carl C. Taylor of the department of agricultural economics at North Carolina State College of Agriculture.

The survey will be financed by \$400 each from the state division of markets, the University, and State College of Agriculture. This \$1,200 will be duplicated by the department of farm economics and rural life of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Questionnaires covering all phases of a farmer's life from his family history to his economic and social conditions will be filled out for each of 350 farm families in an eastern county, a Piedmont county, and a mountain county. The counties most likely to be selected are Edgecombe, Chatham and Madison.

Pictures will be taken of every farm home surveyed in order to make a graphic presentation of the social and economic conditions upon tenant farms of the state. Information about the farm owner and the hired man will also be gathered as a basis for comparative study. The farm owner will be asked to tell his experience in securing land, in order that the commission might have the information to devise a proper way to enable other less fortunate farmers to secure land.

The committee will visit the counties under survey and hold conferences with the landlords and tenants to determine if possible some way to secure homes for landless farmers.

C. C. Zimmerman, of the department of agricultural economics at State College, will have charge of the field research. The surveys will be carried on by four advanced students in agricultural economics, two from the State College of Agriculture and two from the University.

The survey will continue from June 1 until September. At the conclusion of the field work the findings will be tabulated and soon afterward presented to the public. In order to determine by scientific measurement the standard of living of each tenant, the investigators will ask questions concerning his housing conveniences, his educational opportunities, his social and civic relationship, and his outlook on life.

Where possible they will ascertain the economic history of each case. In particular they will attempt to find whether tenancy is due to inherited physical defects, to crop failures, accidents, market conditions, diseases, or deaths in the family, or to a lack of a start in life.

What is the relation of land credit, time-merchant credit, preferential landlord lein, and the market system to farm tenancy? What proportion of the tenants can rise in the agricultural ladder from tenancy to ownership? How can the state, the landlord, the merchant, the church, or the public school help the tenant who shows that he has the characteristics which would fit him for land ownership? The survey will attempt to answer these questions.

### MR. O. BATTLE SICK.

Mr. O. Battle was reported on the sick list yesterday.

## LOCAL MILK PLANT GREAT ADVERTISER FOR TARBORO

The Scotland Neck Commonwealth in a recent issue carried the following news item:

The Tarboro Southerner in its issue of a few days ago stated that in the June issue of the American City Magazine a full account of Tarboro's milk plant would be given, and thus magazine, which has a wide circulation, naturally will be read by many people who otherwise would never hear of the name of our sister town.

Some time ago, too, The Ladies' Home Journal carried a description of this plant and since then letters have been received from far and wide asking about both the plant and also requesting information concerning Tarboro itself and in all probability Tarboro will secure a number of new citizens through this project.

Scotland Neck can too, through new enterprises, attract new and desirable citizens, so why not pull together and secure at least one new enterprise that will be such a model of efficiency that it will both advertise itself and the town as a whole throughout the entire country.

## MEDICAL SOCIETY HAS FINE EXHIBIT

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 22.—A feature of the annual session of the American Medical Association which opened here today, was an educational exhibit, presented by forty-eight physicians, of recent advances in medical science, teaching and organization.

Most of the national organizations devoted to education of the public, including the Child Hygiene association, Red Cross, American Society for the Control of Cancer, the Association for the Prevention and Relief of Heart Disease and the national organization for public health nursing presented outlines of their methods of work, their activities and complete sets of the literature used by them in their educational efforts.

The United States Public Health service presented an exhibit of its work in child health and in the prevention of venereal disease.

Other exhibits included demonstrations of work on the prevention of ringworm in the South, on the treatment of cancer, on occupational therapy, and demonstration of a method for showing by the x-ray the position and appearance of various organs within the abdomen.

### SICK IN BALTIMORE.

News was received here Saturday that Miss Sue Bunn who now lives in Baltimore had undergone an operation. Her condition yesterday was encouraging.

### RETURNED TO THE COUNTRY.

Mr Edwin Cooke who has been sick at the Hospital returned to the home of Mr. W. H. Kinlebrew where he has been living while teaching in the Nobles Mills School.

## CIVIC, INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS MUST BE LEAD BY CHURCH

Propose Universal Conference of Church of Christ on Life And Work.

DES MOINES, Iowa, May 22.—

Solution of civic, industrial and international problems through applied Christianity "would seem to be the paramount task of the church," Rev. J. Ross Stevenson told the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. of America here today, in presenting the report of the special commission on church cooperation and union. To promote such a solution a Universal Conference of the Church of Christ on Life and Work has been proposed, he said, and "will probably be held in 1924. Plans for it are making satisfactory progress."

A committee has been formed in three sections, representing many Christian communions in continental Europe, in the British Empire and in the United States of America," Mr. Stevenson continued.

"The purpose is to concentrate the thought of Christendom on the mind of Christ as revealed in the Gospels toward those great social questions, industrial and international, which are so acutely urgent in every country. The nations are yearning for purer politics. Industrial unrest is producing chaos and confusion. The basic motives of citizenship need strong reinforcement. In international affairs men are seeking anxiously for permanent peace and deeper fellowship. We believe that the message and teaching of Jesus Christ afford the only solution. To set ourselves to discover His Will and under the guidance of His Spirit to find wise ways of applying his teaching, would seem to be the paramount task of the church."

Mr. Stevenson also reported that a committee is planning definitely for a World Conference on Faith and Order, which is expected to be held in 1925, probably at Washington City.

## APPEAL TO KING TO SAVE HER 'STAND'

LONDON, May 20.—By appealing to King George, friends of Mrs. Caroline Orford hope to save from abolition the little refreshment kiosk in St. James' Park which she has conducted for the past 60 years and which has been in the possession of her family for three centuries.

Mrs. Orford's great-great-grandmother started the business in a little shelter near the Mall, opposite the Horse Guards' Parade, and was 101 years old when she left it to her daughter. Successive mother-to-daughter transfers have kept the refreshment stand in the family's hands for more than 300 years.

The site is now wanted by the office of works for the Guard's war memorial, but an influential committee is trying to have another location substituted.

### WILL INJURE THE PAVEMENTS.

Recently there have been seen on the paved streets here such things as mowing machines with corrugated wheels and County drags.

It is said by those who know that these things will damage the pavements.

When the weather gets warm there is a liability of tearing off the top dressing by these machines and drags thereby causing injury to the pavements.

It might be well for the Commissioners to have the ordinances printed so that the people may read the town laws.

## COMPLETE LISTING OF THE RICH AND POOR COUNTIES OF NORTH CAROLINA

The per capita white taxables of the state range from \$235 in Dare to \$3,423 in Scotland. The state average is \$1,009—with Pamlico, Camden, Ashe, and Graham left out on account for lack of the necessary information in detail.

See table elsewhere in this issue.

Sixty-seven counties are above the state average ten are more than double the state average.

Twenty-nine counties are below the state average. Five are worth less than \$600 per white inhabitant at least on the tax books. They are—Avery, Cherokee, Wilkes, McDowell, and Dare, in the order named.

he richest county in per capita white taxable is not a manufacturing but an agricultural county—not Forsyth or Mecklenburg or Durham, but Scotland.

Among these twenty-nine poorest counties in tax wealth are four that rank high in farm wealth: They are Sampson, Alleghany, Yadkin, and Watauga, but only 73rd as a taxing county; Alleghany, Yadkin from 25th to 89th and Watauga from 33rd to 89th.

Wayne is the richest farm county in the state but when it comes to paying taxes it falls to the 14th place and Johnson falls from the 10th to the 58th place.

Scotland operates on the basis of high tax valuations and low tax rate. It stands 6th in per capita farm wealth, 1st in per capita white taxables, and 99th in tax rate for general county purposes and necessary expense.

Alleghany stands 9th in per capita farm wealth 76th in per capita white taxables, and 100th in county tax rate.

On such a basis it is hard to see how Alleghany is ever going to rank high in public schools, public roads, and public health progress.

Dare county has another notion. It is the poorest county in the state in per capita farm wealth and in white per capita taxables, but the county tax rate is 80 cents per hundred dollars on listed property, against 41 cents in Alleghany. On top of this are the special district school tax rate Every white school district but one

## BRITISH COTTON TRADE ALARMED

The American Cotton association is in possession of confidential information emanating from the highest authorities of the British cotton trade which indicate that the raw cotton situation for the near future is becoming very acute. Indeed, one of the leading cotton economists of Great Britain and closest students of the world cotton industry frankly admits that if the American cotton crop of 1922 does not exceed ten million bales, prices next winter will reach the high levels of 1920. It is admitted that there is no hope for any improvement this year in the Egyptian cotton crop. British spinners generally are hoping for at least an American crop of 12,000,000 bales, which is regarded as absolutely essential if anything like needed supplies are available for consumptive requirements during the cotton year of 1922-1923.

### CANDIDATES' EXPENSES.

The expense account of all County Candidates must be filed with Mr. A. T. Walston Clerk of the Superior Court on or before the 24th day of May 1922.

A failure to do this is made a misdemeanor by the Statute. All County Candidates would do well to file in the amounts by Wednesday May 24th.

### COTTON MARKET.

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| Jan. | 19.65 | 19.87 | 19.81 |
| May  | 21.20 | 21.20 | 21.53 |
| July | 19.93 | 20.21 | 20.30 |
| Oct. | 19.79 | 20.00 | 20.05 |
| Dec. | 19.78 | 20.10 | 19.98 |

in Dare is a special school tax district In Alleghany only four of the 39th white school districts levy special school taxes, or so it was in 1920. The policy of Dare is the best possible thing for the children, no matter what it costs.

Next week the counties will be ranked from high to low according to county tax rates for general purposes and necessary expenses. The three tables (1) per capita country wealth, (2) per capita white taxables and (3) county tax rates, when put side for comparison, show three outstanding facts in our civilization (1) areas of wealth and willingness to spend it for the common good—on highways, schools, public health and public welfare in short, progressive hopeful areas, (2) areas of wealth & unwillingness, wealth and social poverty—areas of poorly supported churches and schools, poor roads and stagnant public spirit, and (3) areas of little wealth and great willingness, poverty of purse, but exceeding richness of soul.

Meantime, there are 60 remote county counties in North Carolina Nineteen of them are steadily losing country population. And the same thing is true of 308 townships in the state. Schools, roads, health, store-keeping, and banking are all in peril in these areas of social apathy.

Tight-fisted citizenship solves no problem of the public good anywhere Truthfulness in listing properties, efficiency in public enterprises, and generosity in expending tax money are fundamental matters.

Not how much taxes we pay but how much the community gets back in clear public benefit is the essential thing.

County government is now costing around 30 million dollars a year or nearly twice as much as state government ever cost. Like Abe Lincoln's rat hole, it is worth looking into.

Equity, honesty, and efficiency in public finance would quickly put this state at the top of the column of American commonwealths.

We've got the goods but we do not know it, and still less do other states know it.

## BACCALAUREATE SERMON PREACHED BY REV. H. E. SPENCE, SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Beginning of the Commencement Exercises at the Tarboro Graded Schools Yesterday; All Churches Closed at Morning Service and Unite at School Auditorium; Large Congregation Hears Splendid Sermon by Head of Trinity Biblical Dept.

The school auditorium of the Tarboro Graded Schools was crowded yesterday morning to hear the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. H. E. Spence of the Biblical department of Trinity college.

The subject of Mr. Spence's discourse was "Dreams." He discussed this subject from the standpoint of dreams that we have had and dreams that have come true.

Mr. Spence took no superstitious view of his subject, but treated it from purely a psychological standpoint.

He reviewed the story of the dream of Joseph in the Old Testament. He spoke of the great visions that men of the past and of the present age have had. His marshalling of historical facts was very fine, indeed.

In conclusion he emphasized the fact that to make dreams come true four things are necessary: We must want things, we must work for them, we must watch for them, and we must also wait for them.

While the subject of this address was "Dreams," yet it was a strong appeal to the graduating class and the audience as well that in order to have life in all its fulness and intensity there must be the proper vision behind it all.

This address was truly an inspiration. Many have spoken words of high commendation of the sermon.

Mr. Spence held his audience from the very beginning to the last word, and had it not been on Sunday he would have received a great ovation in the way of applause.

The following young ladies and gentlemen form the graduating class for this commencement: Margaret Battle, Emma Brown, Raymond Causeby, Wilson Crane, Alex Denson, Jack Denson, Maurice Light, Henry McNair, Ernest Price, Evelyn Worsley, and Lucy Knight.

## COUNTY SUMMER SCHOOLS FOR WHITE TEACHERS.

There will be seven County Summer Schools for white teachers in the Northeastern section of the state this year. All prospective teachers and teachers holding certificates below the elementary should attend a County Summer School in order to secure or raise their certificates. All teachers holding Elementary certificates may secure renewal credit by attending a County Summer School. Teachers holding one-year certificates should secure Summer School credit this year.

Teachers from any county may attend any one of the Summer Schools listed below. Write the County Superintendent for information concerning boarding arrangement. The Summer School term is six-week and teachers are urged to be present on the opening day.

County Summer Schools for teachers will be held at the following place and will begin on the dates given:

- Washington, N. C. May 29th, 1922
- Trenton, June 12
- Elizabeth City June 12th
- Mantoe, June 14th
- Chowan College, Murfreesboro, June 19th.
- Jacksonville, N. C. June 26th.
- Oriental, June 27th.

County Supt. Sentell calls the attention of the white teachers of Edg. Co. to the above notice, and hereby notifies them that he will assist any one of the teachers in making arrangements to enter any of the county summer schools listed above.

help to save the little girl children? This most desirable and necessary welfare work could and would be greatly furthered by good roads well maintained. John L. Bridgers. May 22, 1922.