

## N. C. Jumps To 12th State In 1930 Census

### SHIPS SPEED TO RESCUE FOREIGNERS

#### Severed Finger Of Woman Missionary Is Sent To Her Friends

#### ASK \$50,000 RANSOM

#### English Woman Bayoneted And Others Wounded During Carnage

Two thousand Chinese were executed while communists were in possession of Changsha, Hunan Province capital, Japanese dispatches said. In addition 4,000 Chinese were missing, either executed or kidnapped.

Aroused by further outrages against foreigners in China by bandit-communists armies, foreign governments ordered additional warships to proceed up the Yangtse river to reinforce 11 gunboats at Hankow and five at Changsha.

had re-entered Changsha, recently razed by the Reds, the situation was considered grave there and at Hankow, which is threatened by approaching communist armies.

The American gunboat Luzon arrived at Hankow prepared to aid the U. S. S. Palos aboard which five sailors were wounded in two clashes with Reds recently while protecting foreigners.

Leaving Sasebo, Japan, for Shanghai, four Japanese destroyers were rushing to join others in the Yangtse patrol.

New outrages against British nationals included the wounding of three sailors at Changsha in a gunboat engaged with communists; the bayoneting at Puchen of Mrs. A. R. J. Hearne who is in critical condition, and the sending of a severed finger of a woman missionary with demand for \$50,000 ransom for herself and companion, held captive a month.

The Communist menace sweeping the Yangtse valley affected the great southern provinces of Hunan, Hupeh, Kiangsi and Fukien. Dispatches from far flung areas throughout these provinces said numerous Red bands numbering from a few hundred to 10,000 continued to pillage towns and rob the populace without opposition.

Foreigners throughout these areas were fleeing toward river and coastal cities. Whereabouts of many of them was unknown here. The majority were missionaries, recalled for safety.

Headquarters here of several missions reported varying proportions of their inland staffs had reached places of refuge while others were bottled up at interior towns, avoiding the Reds but unable to reach treaty ports. (Continued on page nine)

### 4-H Club Short Course Opens

The annual short course for North Carolina 4-H club members opened Tuesday at North Carolina State college with 600 boys and girls already registered for the course which will continue through Saturday. Approximately 1,000 are expected to attend.

The first assembly was held Tuesday morning in Pullen Hall, called to order by the president, Miss Mary Emma Powell, of Turkey, Sampson county. L. R. Harrill and Miss Elizabeth Cornelius of the college extension staff, announced plans for the short course.

Dr. McNeill Poteat, pastor of the Pullen Memorial church here, will speak at vesper services each evening during the course.

Dean J. O. Schaub was scheduled to address delegates at 2:30 p. m., Tuesday. His address will be followed by a sight-seeing tour.

### CHAMPION TOMATO

Last week Chas. Bryson brought to The Press office the champion tomato grown this season. It weighed two and one-half pounds and measured twenty-three inches in circumference. The tomato grew in his garden on the Cullasaja, and goes to prove, says Mr. Bryson, that the dry weather has not damaged his garden very much.

### LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### Has Many Requests For Information; Many Folders Mailed

The Franklin Chamber of Commerce had 120 out of town callers during the month of July, according to the report of Mrs. Ruth H. Pearce, secretary. These visitors came from all points of the compass and wanted all sorts of information, most of which the secretary was able to supply.

Mrs. Pearce reports that one visitor from Florida came in with one of the

mercer in Jacksonville, Fla. He said that his plans were to go to Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, but after reading Franklin's folder he changed his plans and came here for his vacation. Hardly a week had elapsed after the folders had been sent to Jacksonville before the above result was noticed.

The secretary reports that folders have been sent to all the larger chambers of commerce in the South and East and to most all the smaller ones. In every case copies of folders of the towns to which the Franklin folder has been sent, acknowledgment has been received and their folders have been sent here.

### Dr. Russell Fills Pulpit At Local Methodist Church

In the continued absence of the pastor, Rev. R. F. Mock, the pulpit of the Methodist church was most ably filled Sunday morning by Dr. Elbert Russell, dean of the School of Theology of Duke university.

Dr. Russell is a most eloquent and forceful speaker and, taking as his subject, "The Brotherhood of Man," he preached a sermon that was a rare treat to all who were so fortunate as to hear him.

### Tree-Sitters End 12th Day

Everett Jackson and Horace Phillips, Henderson county's long-time tree-sitters, who have been perched in a tree in Hendersonville for 12 days, announced Tuesday that they planned to come down Thursday at 3:30 o'clock, when they will have completed two weeks "aloft."

The boys complain of the need of exercise and a bath, and said, when they came down, they would head straight for a bath tub, and then for a swim. They had been up 284 hours Tuesday morning at 11:30.

### Forest To Have Power Shovel

The Nantahala Forest is soon to have a modern power shovel for working the forest roads in the Nantahala Forest reserve. The machine to be purchased will be driven by an internal combustion engine and will have a half ton capacity, it was learned at the Nantahala Forest headquarters in Franklin.

It is said that this will greatly facilitate the road construction and maintenance in the reserve as well as lower the cost of operations.

### VOCATIONAL TEACHER HERE

#### State Course To Be Carried Out Under Smith-Hughes Act

E. H. Meacham, recent graduate of State college, arrived in Franklin on Wednesday of last week to take up his duties as vocational agricultural teacher in the local high school.

The course to be offered is the regular state course and will be carried out under the Smith-Hughes Act. This act provides for a twelve months course in farming and its allied trades such as blacksmithing, carpentering, machinics, etc. The duties of the vocational teacher covers a twelve months period. The actual projects will be for a six months duration for each individual taking up the work.

Meacham will take the students right down to practical work and give them first hand instruction and information on how to actually do the things that are required of anybody that is going to make his living on the farm or that has a desire to learn how best to do the ordinary routine

The first thing to be done, it is said, is to fit out a work room at the high school and get everything in readiness by the time school opens for the 1930-31 session. Prof. Guy Houk will have direct charge of this and will arrange the course in co-operation with the new vocational teacher. Many boys have already expressed themselves as well pleased with the prospect of being able to get first hand, practical instruction along farming lines.

### COMMISSIONERS' MONTHLY MEET

#### Order Passed To Leave Valuation of Highlands Estates As Is

At the regular monthly meeting of the county commissioners this week very little was accomplished other than the routine business. This was owing to the fact that there was no business to come before the board.

One of the orders made by the board was one pertaining to the valuation of the Highlands Estate property at Highlands. After hearing a presentation of the interested parties the commissioners passed an order to leave the valuation of this property the same as it was last year. There had been consideration given to raising the valuation.

This property is what is locally known as the Highlands golf course, and is valued for the purposes of taxation at \$27,700.00.

Another order passed by the commissioners was to order the clerk of superior court to appoint a jury to assess what damages, if any, had been done to property owners on highway 28 as a result of the recent realignment and paving of this road. It was not given out as to who this jury would be.

It was ordered by the board to pay Messrs. Zeb and John Taylor \$6 each for six sheep killed by dogs. Mr. Vance was paid \$20 for sheep killed by dogs.

Commissioner Chas. McClure was absent owing to illness. The other two members were present.

### Bryson Reunion

The Bryson reunion will be held at the old home place at Robert T. Bryson's on August 24. It is hoped that all the relations and friends will be there with a full basket.

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### CHAMPION SPROUTS

Mr. Elbert Mashburn had on exhibit on the streets one day this week a Brussels-sprout that was the exact shape of a cabbage. But there were 37 separate and distinct sprouts all fully developed and separate. Mr. Mashburn says that he got the seed from a merchant who said that they came direct from Belgium.

### MIDDLE STATES SUFFERING LOSSES

#### Federal Aid In Form Of Extended Bank Credits Is Sought

#### MID-WEST RELIEVED

#### Showers Drive Mercury Down In States West Of Mississippi

News reports are still to the effect that the drouth is serious in many

of the Mississippi, but the middle western states and the South are still in danger. The reports from the Federal weather bureau do not hold out any hope for general relief immediately. In fact the reports indicate higher temperatures and dryer weather.

An ominous note today crept into the farm crop con-

dition to 19,000,000. This figure includes an estimate for the Philippine Islands whose census is controlled by the insular government which has not made an enumeration for several years.

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Montana was the only state to show decrease—2.8 per cent loss, the numerical decline being 15,370. In the 1920 census, three states, Mississippi, Vermont and Nevada showed decreases in population. Arizona had the largest increase of that census, with 63.5 per cent gain, while Montana, second in line, had an increase of 46.0.

New York, for more than a century leader of all the states in population, triumphantly held her place gaining by more than the census bureau had anticipated. Nevada completed a half century in final place. The first complete list of preliminary totals of state populations, as compiled from official returns of census supervisors throughout the country, was completed tonight.

North Carolina's 1930 population is given at 3,165,146 with an increase of 606,023, or 23.9 and ranks 14th with other states of the union.

### Woman's Club Plans Opening Banquet For Sept.

At a meeting of the Woman's club Monday afternoon it was decided to open the official club year in September with a banquet—the exact time and place to be announced later.

Executive committees were appointed by the president, Miss Kelly to carry on the various phases of the club work during the coming year.

It is requested that the program committees of the various departments of the club will hand their programs in to Mrs. Johnston by the last of this week in order that the Club's yearbook may be ready by the first meeting in September.

### INSTEAD OF CHOPPING

Crush nuts for a salad, by rolling them with a rolling pin on the dough board.

### 1930 CENSUS RANKINGS OF STATES GIVEN

#### U. S. Population With Possessions Set At 137 Millions

#### N. Y. KEEPS TITLE

#### Population Of Largest State Advances To 12 Millions

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 5.—The population of continental United States on the basis of official preliminary census figures is 122,728,873.

This figure was compiled tonight from official announcements given by census supervisors in the various states after completing the enumeration which began April 2.

Territories of the United States and outlying possessions, not included in the continental United States total

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### Miss Edwine Behre To Give Recital

Miss Edwine Behre, noted pianist of New York, who needs no introduction to the music lovers of Franklin, will appear here in a piano recital about the middle of August.

This recital will be under the auspices of the music department of the Woman's club, the proceeds to go towards buying a piano for the club room.

Miss Behre has visited in Franklin for a number of years and has appeared in several recitals here both alone and in company with other artists.

Her memorial recital given here two years ago in memory of Miss Irene Weaver, who was a warm personal friend of Miss Behre's, will long be remembered as one of the outstanding musical events in the history of the town.