

Sense and Nonsense

BY CARL GOERCH

Wooden Indians and Other Things of the Past Recalled—This Misspelling Age—Birth Control.

The other day I was in Charlotte and, on one of the side streets of that metropolis, observed an old-fashioned drug store window. You know the kind I mean; a fat red bottle on one side of the front door and an equally fat green bottle on the other. It was the first time I'd seen that kind of a layout in six or seven years. And yet, the time was when no drug store considered itself a drug store unless those bottles were prominently displayed.

There used to be a number of other popular signs that have passed out of the picture completely and about which the younger generation knows absolutely nothing. For instance, there was the fierce-looking, wooden Indian chief who used to stand in front of every reputable cigar store. The last one of those I saw was atop one of the tobacco warehouses in Wilson. Somebody had lugged it up there and had fastened it to the roof of the building.

Then there was the old horse that used to stand out on the sidewalk in front of wagon stores and harness repair shops. Usually he was a white horse, and in the summertime he always wore netting to protect his wooden sides from the flies.

Every time I drive on the highways of the state and come across a filling station or road house which spells sandwiches as it ought to be spelt instead of "sandwiches"—I feel like giving three cheers. A party of us, driving from Winston-Salem to Raleigh not long ago, counted 26 signs which persisted in using the "t."

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, in session last week, came out very strongly in opposition to the teaching of birth control.

Well, let's see. Without birth control, the population of our country is bound to increase more rapidly than with birth control. If the population of our country increases, then the population of our state also will increase. If the population of our state increases, then it will be necessary to have more members in our state legislature. If we have more members, then there will be more chance for disagreement and inability to arrive at a decision on important topics.

But that's enough. I believe I'm in favor of birth control.

The farmers are hard at work. They are to be seen everywhere, busily engaged in cultivating their crops and hoping to make some money out of their year's work. A mighty slim hope, so far as cotton and tobacco are concerned.

In my day and time I have heard any number of doctors, lawyers, merchants and bankers brag about their activities on the farm in their younger days. I've never plowed a furrow in all my life. I couldn't harness up a mule if my life depended on it. Unless I'm sadly mistaken, I never have seen any tobacco seed or cotton seed in all my existence. I don't know one piece of farm machinery from another and I have absolutely no knowledge of how a single crop is planted.

The only thing I'm good at, when it comes to farming, is giving advice.

Judge Arthur Mayo, down in Washington, my home town, is seventy-four years old. He has lived for many years within three blocks of our local theatre, but has never seen a motion picture in all his life. And that ain't all, either. He says he never expects to see one.

Franks Establishes New Wholesale Firm

A new wholesale grocery company has been established in Franklin by Sam L. Franks. The new concern, which will be known as the Macon Grocery company, has its offices and storeroom in the Franks building on Main street.

Fred Higdon, formerly connected with the Carolina Provision company, will be associated with Mr. Franks as salesman and assistant manager.

Mr. Franks already has installed thousands of dollars of groceries. He said the new company would deal exclusively on a wholesale basis and would direct its activities principally toward serving the retail merchants of the county.

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Former Franklin Girl Wins Success as Hat Designer; Sails for Paris To Study

Miss Jean Cunningham Supplies Millinery For Movie Stars

Miss Jean Cunningham, better known here as Anna Jean, daughter of Mrs. C. C. Cunningham and the late Mr. Cunningham, sailed from New York on Monday, May 18, for Paris, style center of the world, where she will spend several months designing hats.

Miss Cunningham is manager of the Madeline Hat Shop in St. Louis, one of the largest millinery concerns in the country. She began her work nine years ago with Wanamakers in Philadelphia. After a few months there she went to St. Louis, where her talent in designing was quickly appreciated. She was made manager, buyer and designer of the Madeline Hat Shop, which caters to an exclusive clientele.

Miss Cunningham soon became one of the most popular hat designers in the country. She has designed hats for a number of motion picture stars and actresses on the legitimate stage.

During the past winter the former Franklin girl broadcast a talk on hats and styles over a large New York radio station every Friday night.

While in Paris Miss Cunningham will study under some of the leading stylists of the world.

After her return to the United States in the late summer she is expected to come to Franklin for a visit with her mother and relatives.

Miss Cunningham went to New York from St. Louis by airplane to catch her boat. She sailed on the Lafayette.



JEAN CUNNINGHAM

MACON FARM CENSUS MADE PUBLIC

(Special to The Franklin Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 3.—The following statement, issued by the director of the census, gives some of the results of the 1930 farm census for Macon County, N. C., with comparative data for 1925 and 1920 for selected items. The 1930 figures are preliminary and subject to correction.

(1930 census taken April 1 and 1925 and 1920 censuses, January 1)			
FARM ACREAGE AND VALUES	1930	1925	1920
Number of farms	1,847	1,865	1,925
Acres of all land in farms	130,415	162,017	161,797
Average acres per farm	70.6	86.9	84.1
Value of land and buildings	\$3,859,727	\$3,692,673	\$3,351,626
Land alone	2,737,470	2,883,562	2,670,044
Buildings	1,122,257	809,111	681,582
Dwellings alone	825,592		
Value of implements and machinery	152,337	131,801	144,395
Av. val. land and buildings per farm	2,090	1,980	1,741
Av. val. land and buildings per acre	29.60	22.79	20.72
LIVESTOCK			
Horses	724	1,411	
Mules	1,104	1,134	
Cattle	5,544	8,982	
Milk cows	2,827	2,601	
Hogs	2,903	8,582	
Chickens	37,228	48,475	

SELECTED CROPS			
	1929	1924	1919
Corn harvested for grain	12,208	14,213	14,684
Wheat	1,959	3,070	5,270
Rye	549	928	1,488
Hay	3,446	5,592	4,368
Potatoes (Irish or white)	529	720	436
Sweet potatoes and yams	165	206	173

SELECTED CROPS			
Unit	1929	1924	1919
Corn harvested for grain	Bu. 226,673	279,799	289,512
Wheat	Bu. 14,292	29,833	42,211
Rye	Bu. 3,273	7,373	7,043
Hay	Ton 3,612	4,702	4,364
Potatoes (Irish or white)	Bu. 37,617	60,736	34,703
Sweet potatoes and yams	Bu. 14,607	13,062	18,104

Sheriff Slagle Captures 3 Stills Within 10 Days

Macon County's liquor output has been considerably diminished as a result of the activities of Sheriff A. B. Slagle during the last 10 days. During that period he has captured three stills and dumped hundreds of gallons of beer mash.

Tuesday midnight the sheriff, accompanied by Tom Lambert and Derrel Ashe, special deputies, captured a 40-gallon copper distilling outfit in the Oak Grove section. They dumped out three or four hundred gallons of mash. In one of the barrels they reported finding a dead ground hog.

A crude still made out of two washtubs was captured by the sheriff on Rabbit's creek about three miles from Franklin Sunday morning. No liquor was found and only about 100 gallons of beer mash. Later the sheriff arrested R. L.

Fish, on whose property the still was found. Fish was released on bond of \$500.

The same morning Sheriff Slagle arrested Dewey Guffey, who broke jail here in October, 1929, while awaiting trial on a charge of transporting liquor. Guffey, whose home is in the Holly Springs section, was surprised and captured while attending the singing convention at Holly Springs Baptist church. The sheriff had gone there in search of Fish.

Early Sunday morning, a week ago, Sheriff Slagle captured a 35-gallon copper still on the headwaters of Ellijay creek in the Goshen section. He also found nine half-gallon jars of whiskey and 700 gallons of beer mash. The sheriff laid in wait in an old barn (Continued on page four)

OBTAIN RECTOR FOR FRANKLIN

Rev. Norvin C. Duncan, of Cooleme, Coming Here Soon

IS STRONG PREACHER

Will Serve Episcopal Churches Here and In Highlands

The Rev. Norvin C. Duncan, rector of the Episcopal church at Cooleme, N. C., near Salisbury, has accepted a call to the joint rectorate of St. Agnes church, Franklin, and the Church of the Incarnation at Highlands.

Rev. Mr. Duncan is expected to bring his family to Franklin June 16 or 17. They will make their home in the rectory next to St. Agnes church.

Preached Here

The Cooleme minister visited Franklin and Highlands on April 29 and 30, holding services for both congregations, who are deeply gratified that he has accepted charge of the work of the Episcopal church in Macon county. There has been no resident Episcopal minister in this county since the Rev. Mr. Pipes left several years ago to assume the rectorate of a large church in Golden, Colo.

Leaves Big Congregation

The Rev. Mr. Duncan is giving up a large congregation in Cooleme to accept the Franklin and Highlands charges. Members of the latter congregations feel that they are extremely fortunate in obtaining his services. His abilities as a preacher and constructive Christian leader have been outstanding in the communities he has served. He is well known both in the diocese of Western North Carolina, in which he served for some time as rector of the church at Morganton. In Cooleme he has had a position of leadership in the civic affairs of the community as well as in the church.

GIBSON FAMILY TO HOLD REUNION SUNDAY, JUNE 14

For the past several years the Gibsons of Macon and adjoining counties and states have had what is known as the Gibson reunion, wherein the ties of the Gibson forefathers are revived, and old acquaintance renewed. This year Sunday, June 14, at "Uncle" Tom Gibson's home on Iotla, who is one of the older members of the Gibson family each member of the Gibsons and all connected with the family in anyway are expected to be there with a full basket.

This is also the celebration of the birthday of "Aunt" Bettsey Jane (Gibson) Grant, who is now 91 years of age.

BANK REPAINTED

The Highlands Bank has been repainted a silver gray shade. Messrs Grover Edwards and Lewis Rice did the painting.

Meeting Is Called To Plan for Pageant

Plans for Macon county's participation in the Western North Carolina pageant to be held the evening of June 24 as part of Asheville's annual Rhododendron Festival will be discussed at a meeting to be held in the county courthouse at 8 p. m. Wednesday, June 11. This will be the third time that Franklin and Macon county have joined in the celebration.

Mrs. Helen Macon and Roy C. Dady will have charge of preparing the Franklin group, which will represent a pioneer episode in the pageant. About 100 persons will be needed from this county and all those interested in taking part in the pageant are asked to attend the meeting at the courthouse.

Miss Edith Russell and Mr. Harrington, who will direct the pageant, were here Monday and Tuesday to confer with Mrs. Macon and Mr. Dady.

Plans also are being considered for entering a Macon county float in the Rhododendron parade to be held the morning of June 24.

Lucky Boys—Lucky Pigs



These boys are lucky because each of them has been given a pure bred Poland China pig by the Franklin Rotary club. The pigs ought to consider themselves lucky because, under the terms of agreement between the boys and the Rotarians, the pigs are assured of a lifetime of at least 30 months and perhaps much longer. At the top, left to right, Roger Dalton, Don Henderson, Sexton Vinson and Ralph Angel, all members of the local chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers. Each is shown with his own sow pig. The boy at the extreme right is holding a registered boar to which the sow pigs must be bred. Lower left: Sexton Vinson, president of the Young Tar Heel Farmers of Macon County. Lower right: Ralph Angel, who recently won the title of champion rat catcher of the county.

4 Macon Farm Boys Given Fine Pigs by Rotary Club

R. F. HENRY, SR., DIES SUDDENLY

Funeral Held For Well Known Watauga Resident Tuesday

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Watauga Baptist church for R. F. Henry, Sr., better known as "Furn" Henry, who dropped dead about 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at his home in the Watauga section. Mr. Henry had been in ill health since he suffered a stroke of paralysis several months ago, but recently he had shown signs of definite improvement and his death was a shock to his relatives and friends.

Mr. Henry's wife died several years ago. He leaves two sons, John Henry, of Franklin, and Frank Henry, of Brevard.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Alvin Solesbee. Burial was in the Watauga Baptist church cemetery.

Mr. Henry, who was 76 years old, was widely known throughout the county and leaves many friends to mourn his death.

Work on Horse Cove Road Now Completed

According to one of the men who aided in the recent work which has been done on the Horse Cove road, that road is the best and smoothest now leading out of Highlands. Work which was begun about two months ago was completed at noon Saturday.

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Registered Sows Expected To Increase to 500 In 5 Years

Thanks to the Franklin Rotary club, each of four Macon county farm boys, all members of the local chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers and the vocational agriculture class of the Franklin high school, is the proud possessor of a fine pure bred registered Poland China sow pig.

Under the conditions of an agreement made by the boys with the Rotary club, they are to breed their pigs to a pure bred boar which was bought from the same stock as the sow pigs and placed in the care of Albert Ramsey, well known farmer of Route 3. From the first two litters each of the boys has promised to give to the Rotary club two pigs and out of each succeeding litter within 30 months, one pig.

The Rotary club plans to give the pigs returned by the boys to other young farmers. It is estimated that by the end of the 30-month period there will be at least 64 pure bred Poland China pigs in the county. In five years, it is estimated, there will be in the neighborhood of 500 pigs from this stock.

Lucky Boys

The boys who were entrusted with the Rotary club's pig investment follow:

Sexton Vinson, president of the Macon chapter of the Young Tar Heel Farmers, who lives in the lower end of the county near the Georgia line.

Ralph Angel, of Route 2, champion rat catcher of the county.

Don Henderson, of Cullasaga.

Roger Dalton, who lives on the Iotla route.

In accepting the pigs from the (Continued on page four)

Cantey Johnson Cleared Of Blame in Auto Crash

W. Cantey Johnson, brother of Blackburn W. Johnson, publisher of The Franklin Press, was exonerated at an inquest held Wednesday morning of any blame in the death of D. C. Price, 45, of Lexington County, South Carolina, who was fatally injured when struck by Johnson's automobile Tuesday night.

Sheriff Oswald said Price, who had been riding on the left rear fender of a car in front of Johnson's, jumped from the machine when it stopped in front of his death of D. C. Price, 45, of Lexington County, South Carolina, who was fatally injured when struck by Johnson's automobile Tuesday night.

Sheriff H. C. Oswald of Lexington county informed The Press over long distance telephone last night that the accident was entirely accidental and unavoidable on Cantey Johnson's part. Johnson was detained overnight in Lexington, the county seat, pending the inquest, which, Sheriff Oswald indicated, was conducted as a matter of formality. The driver was cleared of all blame and permitted to leave immediately after the inquest.

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SCHOOL TAXES TO BE REDUCED

Billings Says New Act Paves Way for 21 Cents Cut

LAW IS EXPLAINED

Number of Teachers in County Likely To Be Decreased

The Maclean school law enacted at the recent session of the General Assembly will make possible a reduction of 21 cents in the taxes levied in Macon county for the support of schools, according to M. D. Billings, who several months ago was re-elected to his thirteenth term as county superintendent of schools. It is very likely, Mr. Billings informed The Press, that the new act will necessitate a decrease in the number of teachers in the county through school consolidations. It also is probable, he added, that some salaries will have to be reduced.

The reduction in school taxes is made possible by the state assuming the current expenses of the public schools for six months. Local taxes will have to be levied to take care of certain costs above

Miss Kelly Loses Her Place on State Board

During the rush of the closing days of the North Carolina General Assembly Miss Elizabeth Kelly, of Franklin, long recognized as one of the state's leading educational authorities, was replaced as a member of the State Equalization Board by J. E. Coeburn, Bryson City business man. Mr. Coeburn's appointment to the board was sent to the Senate by Governor O. Max Gardner shortly before final adjournment of the legislature and, along with other appointments, was confirmed without debate.

Miss Kelly was very much surprised at the action. She said she had not been notified by the governor of any intention of changing the board's membership. She had represented the western part of the state on the board for several years. A delegation came here from Marion to offer her their support if she saw fit to contest her displacement. She indicated, however, that there was nothing she could do about it.

current expenses and to defray expenses for all above six months that schools operate.

Consolidations Loom
"The county school board," Mr. Billings said, "is required to prepare a map showing the location of schools in the county. Whenever possible, from the standpoint of economy, schools will be consolidated or discontinued."

The superintendent said the board would direct within a few weeks to comply with the provisions of the Maclean bill. This meeting cannot be held, he explained, until the local school authorities have received complete instructions and the proper blank forms from the State Equalization board, which is scheduled to meet in Raleigh this week.

"There were 110 white teachers in Macon county last term," Mr. Billings continued. "Under the new act, it is very probable that this number will be decreased, but this cannot be definitely stated."

Some Salaries Cut

"Teachers' salaries may or may not be decreased 10 per cent. The law states that no reduction shall be made until all other economies shall have been effected by the State Board of Equalization. But the new law does cut the salaries of teachers who will teach this year in some of the one and two-teacher schools in the county. If a one-teacher school last term had an average daily attendance of 22 or under and it is not practical to consolidate it with some other school, because of distance or condition of roads, the teacher in that school will receive 25 per cent less than the salary schedule. In schools where the average daily attendance last year was over 35 and under 45, two teachers may be employed at a salary reduction of 15 per cent.

"It has not been definitely decided when schools will begin this year, but most of the short term schools are likely to open around the middle of July if the State (Continued on page four)