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COMMISSIONERS CUT TAX RATE

MORE FARMING NEEDED IN N. C.

Only 8,000,000 Acres in
State Cultivated,
Says Poe

URGES MACHINERY Thinks N. C. Agricultural Property Is Good Investment

In a recent interview, Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer-Southern Ruralist, one of the most widely circulated farm publications in America, declared that \$200,000,000 a year can be added easily to the worth of farm production in North Carolina. It can be done, he stated, without increasing the farming population greatly. It would come through better utilization of the land resources of the state, he maintains. "North Carolina and Iowa are about the same size," said Dr. Poe, who, in addition to studying farming regularly in all the country, as he had done for thirty years, farms extensively in this state. "Yet 28,000,000 acres are cultivated in Iowa and only 8,000,000 in North Carolina." Much more North Carolina land than now utilized can be put profitably into employment by greater use of machinery, soil enrichment and preservation, the putting of livestock, dairying and poultry on parity with other operations, and the use of more uncultivated land for both pasture and timber production at the same time. "With our cheaper lands and better growing seasons, we can compete with the average state in livestock, dairying and poultry. All the things I have mentioned can be used in adding to the volume of wealth produced agriculturally in the state without much if any curtailment of present operations or increase of our farming population." He believes that North Carolina farming will progress along the lines indicated, and that North Carolina farm lands, particularly when level enough for use of machinery, are probably the best investment in sight at the present time.

Mr. Duncan To Preach In Asheville Sunday

The Rev. Norvin C. Duncan will officiate for the next two Sundays, September 20 and 27, at the morning services at Trinity church, Asheville. The rector, the Rev. G. Floyd Rogers, is attending the general convention of the Episcopal church at Denver, Colo., as a delegate from the diocese of Western North Carolina. Mr. Duncan will conduct his regular services in the evening at St. Agnes church, Franklin, and a visiting clergyman will conduct his regular service at the Church of the Incarnation, Highlands.

Sam L. Franks Undergoes Operation at Asheville

Sam L. Franks, of Franklin, was reported Wednesday to be recovering nicely at the Mission hospital, Asheville, where he underwent an operation Monday for the removal of his tonsils.

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GALS KEEP ON MAKIN'
THEIR SKIRTS SHORTER
YOU'LL SEE MOSQUITOES
FLYIN' ROUND BIG AS
BUZZARDS



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SAYS

Fewer Marriages and Divorces in Macon

There were 23 marriages in Macon county, during 1930 as against 36 in 1929, according to figures recently released by the United States department of commerce. The decrease is seen as partly due to the fact that many betrothed couples now go to Clayton or some other nearby Georgia town to be married on account of the more stringent North Carolina marriage laws. While there has been a drop in the number of marriages in this county, there also has been a decrease in the number of divorces, only two of which were reported in 1930 as compared with four in 1929.

FINDS WAY TO FARM SUCCESS

James G. K. McClure Shows W. N. C. Farmers How To Operate

(From Farmers Federation News) In 1916 James G. K. McClure, Jr., came to Asheville from Chicago in search of health. He purchased a farm and located in the Hickory Nut Gap, twelve miles from Asheville, and under the influence of our excellent climate soon became strong and well again. Being a man of unusual foresight and energy he started immediately studying farm conditions in Western North Carolina. Statistics showed him at that time that Western North Carolina farmers were almost 100 per cent pure Anglo-Saxon, that our soils were abundantly supplied with practically all food elements necessary to produce good crops, that Western North Carolina farmers were surrounded by a wealth of natural resources and yet the average annual farm income for this section was less than \$200 per year, while the average for the United States was more than \$1,500 per year. Faced with this most unusual (Continued on page six)

George Collins, Former Macon County Man, Dies

George Collins, formerly of Macon county, died from paralysis September 8, at Union, S. C., according to word received by relatives here. The funeral and burial were conducted at Union, where Mr. Collins had been living for several years since his removal from this county, where he has a number of relatives and friends who mourn his death. Mr. Collins had been in ill health for some time but his death came unexpectedly and was a shock to his family.

2 Stores To Observe Yom Kippur on Monday

Yom Kippur, the old Hebrew day of atonement faithfully observed by orthodox Jewry, occurs Monday, September 21. It is the most sacred day in the Hebrew calendar. Two Franklin stores, Polly's and M. Blumenthal, will be closed Monday in observance of Yom Kippur.

Red Cross Conference To Be Held at Bryson City

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 16.—Six regional conferences of Red Cross workers are announced for North Carolina by the American Red Cross. Plans for the fiftieth anniversary roll call will be formulated at meetings in Bryson City, September 21; Winston-Salem, September 23; Charlotte, September 24; Fayetteville, September 25; Kinston, September 28, and Henderson, September 29. Speakers from national headquarters include Dr. Thomas E. Green and William Carl Hunt, assistant manager of the Eastern area. Dr. Green will deliver an address appropriate to the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the American Red Cross, "The Outlook After Fifty Years." Mr. Hunt will discuss Red Cross programs

Hard Times Don't Stop Franklin Young People From Going to College

Franklin, which has the reputation of having more college graduates per capita than any other city or town in the United States, is sending well over a score of young people off to universities and colleges in this and other states this autumn. Despite hard times, the number going off to school seems to be surprisingly large. Besides those going to institutions of higher learning there are quite a few boys and girls from this community attending various preparatory schools or business colleges.

Attending the last named institutions are Miss Eleanor F. Sloan, who has returned to Columbia to complete her studies for a master's degree after teaching in the high school of Franklin during the past year. Prior to the opening of the school term Miss Sloan is visiting her sister, Miss Timoxena Sloan, who directs educational work in United Hospital, Port Chester, N. Y. Miss Elizabeth Sloan, daughter of Mrs. W. W. Sloan, is doing part time work in one of the New York welfare agencies while completing her training in the School of Social Work.

At the University Attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are Neville Sloan, Jr., who enters this year; Bill Sloan, Bill Higdon and Francis B. Johnson. Alex Seiser and Charles Robert Patton have

returned to N. C. State college, Raleigh.

Margaret McGuire, Virginia McGuire and Florence Stalcup have returned to N. C. College for Women, Greensboro; Mary Louise Slagle, Helen Patton, Catherine Franks, Catherine Siler and Ross Zachary are attending Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee. Jessie Higdon and Maude Keener of Higdonville, also are attending the Cullowhee institution.

Two at Duke Continuing their courses at Duke University, Durham, are Dorothy Eaton and William McGuire.

George and Bobby Sloan, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Neville Sloan, Charles Ingram and Harry McConnell, have returned to Christ School, Arden. Otis Freeman, Adeline Teague, Jack Brown, Taylor Crockett and Howard Wilkie will attend Weaverville Junior College. Flora Wilkie has returned to Sylvia Collegiate Institute; Mildred Moore is entered at Mars Hill College.

The following young people are attending institutions outside the state; C. S. Brown, Jr., Agricultural and Mechanical College, Madison, Ga.; Velma Peek, Business College of Athens, Ga.; Ada Burnett Trotter, Alabama Women's College, Montgomery; Alice Slagle, Brenau College, Gainesville, Ga.; Richard R. Johnson, DeVeaux School, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Mildred Cozad, Business College, Atlanta.

Cold Pack Process Seen As Best for Home Canning

HIGDONS HOLD CLAN REUNION

Many Gather for Annual Event at Old Homeplace

The Higdon family held its annual reunion at the home of Mrs. Harriett Higdon Monday. This reunion was dedicated to the memory of the late Major William Higdon, who moved from Burke county, near Morganton, to Jackson county when a lad of twelve. Later he purchased a farm of 900 acres in Macon, which is still owned by members of his family and where the reunion is held annually.

There were about 175 descendants of this tribe present, including children of the fourth generation. Major Higdon is survived by three children, T. B. Higdon of Higdonville; Mrs. Jim Gribble, of Iola, and Mrs. J. K. Bryson, of Franklin, all of whom were present Monday. A bounteous picnic dinner was served in the shade of the old apple trees. Among those present were At-

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Method Is Advocated By U. S. Department Of Agriculture

"Can all food that can be canned" is sound advice to be followed this year. The following information and directions are taken from methods set forth by the United States Department of Agriculture, and are condensed for the benefit of readers of The Press. Many who can fruit and vegetables year after year are heard to say that they do not have "good luck" with this or that, and that some of their fruit and vegetable cans spoil. There is no such thing as luck in canning. Success depends upon care in every detail. Spoilage is due to unsterilized jars, old tops, poor rubbers, improper sealing, and canning of stale products. No amount of sterilizing will overcome staleness.

Cold Pack Method For fruits, as well as vegetables, the cold pack method is best. Follow the steps below in using the single period cold pack method: 1. Gather and can as soon as possible in the morning. 2. Before starting work, have (Continued on page six)

Regular Services Now Held at Baptist Church

The Rev. Eugene R. Eller, new pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, and Mrs. Eller took occasion this week to express their happiness in being located in Franklin. In an open letter submitted to The Press Mr. Eller said:

"The Baptist pastor and wife are happy to be located on the field in Franklin. We are anxious to know and serve our church and community in every way possible. It is our desire to see the general religious life of Franklin develop. We will be ready at all times to render whatever service possible. "All regular services are now being held in the Baptist church. We are anxious that every single member of the Baptist church will line up and help to carry the work forward. The other people of the town are welcome to attend our services at all times. Let us strive as a church to reach the unchristian of our town. God will not hold us responsible just for the number we have, but for the number we could have."

UNEMPLOYMENT PARLEY CALLED

Industrial Leaders To Meet With Governor At Raleigh

TO PLAN FOR RELIEF

Necessity Seen for Dis- tribution of Food Surplusage

RALEIGH, Sept. 16.—Governor O. Max Gardner has called into conference at Raleigh on Friday, September 18, nineteen of the leading men and women of the state, picked from the industrial and agricultural life of North Carolina, for the purpose of working out a program of relief for the unemployed this fall and winter and as a means of assuring the needy of the state that surplus foods will be available and distributed where needed.

To head this work, known as the Governor's Council on Unemployment and Relief, Governor Gardner hopes to be able to get R. W. Henninger, professor at N. C. State College, Raleigh, to again head the movement as executive secretary. Mr. Henninger did excellent work last winter and spring as secretary of the same state council. "The problem is so acute and important that I have been impelled to ask Mr. Henninger to again head the work," the Governor said recently, adding that the "work done by Mr. Henninger and the council last winter and spring was one of the greatest pieces of constructive effort ever done by a state agency." The work last time was begun late, but this time active work by the council is expected to be underway shortly after the meeting on the 18th in Raleigh. The Governor expects to call for conferences with other groups, from time to time, and to ask for complete cooperation from leaders and the general public.

"To solve this problem, of unemployment and lack of food, will tax our patriotism and our ability to cooperate," the governor said. "The work last winter and spring was well done and I am proud of the record made at that time. I am also proud of the keen insight shown by all cooperating agencies and workers of our state, of the fine spirit shown by all the people of North Carolina, of the vast amount of work done for little or no remuneration, and I am still even prouder of the promised support for this coming year's work. I feel certain that the coming months will present even more complicated problems, but I believe that these problems will be solved even more perfectly than previously. The people of our state have stood well a strain which unemployment and suffering have forced upon us. I firmly believe that our people will carry on again this fall and winter and that, when spring returns again and with it we all hope a measure of relief from the present financial depression, the Old North State will have, through cooperation and coordination, weathered the storm." Governor Gardner paid high (Continued on page six)

Countywide Levy For 1931 Is Set At \$1.21 on \$100

New Rate Represents Reduction of 19 Cents from 1930 Rate; Road Tax Eliminated and Levy for Schools Reduced

BUDGET FOR COUNTY NOT YET DRAWN; VALUATION FIGURES STILL INCOMPLETE

71 Cents of New Tax Rate Is Allocated to Interest and Sinking Fund; 15 Cents to General Fund

A countywide tax rate of \$1.21 on the \$100 valuation was set for 1931 by the county commissioners at a called meeting Saturday morning. This is a reduction of 19 cents from last year's rate of \$1.40 and will mean a saving to the taxpayers of approximately \$14,000. "Were it not for a heavy increase in public debt service requirements, the rate this year could have been placed much lower, probably at \$1. The 1931 rate carries 71 cents for interest and sinking fund charges, as against 50 cents in 1930.

Livestock Producers To Meet Friday Noon

Livestock producers from various sections of Macon county are expected to attend a meeting at the courthouse 31 midday Friday, when experts of the State College extension service and also a representative of Swift and Company are scheduled to speak. The meeting has been arranged by Fred S. Sloan, county farm demonstration agent. Various phases of livestock raising, from economic production methods to marketing, will be discussed. The meeting will be during the dinner recess of court, 12:30 to 2 p. m.

CIRCUS COMING TO FRANKLIN ON FRIDAY, OCT. 2

The first circus of the season will be here soon. Deane Bros' three-ring circus, under the management of Charles Sparks through their agent Fred C. Kilgore, have completed arrangements for showing here on Friday, Oct. 2. Kilgore stated that all arrangements have been completed including the street parade. He said Deane Bros' is the largest circus in the world that gives a street parade.

The financially embarrassed enterprises that seem never to lose their fire will soon make their appearance on the billboards and in the windows. The recent placed some desirable offers for feed for the many enterprising as well as for various cereals, meats, milk and bread for the large meat family.

GAMES POSTPONED

The community games scheduled for Friday evening will have been postponed till Friday, September 25.

Fifteen cents, the limit prescribed by law, is provided for the county's general fund, out of which administrative expenses are paid. This item is the same as last year, but a new item of five cents is carried in the 1931 rate to take care of jail and court expenses, formerly covered by the general fund. This extra provision was authorized by an act of the last general assembly.

No Road Levy On the other hand, the new tax rate does not include anything for roads, which required 20 cents of the 1930 levy. Maintenance of all county roads, as well as state highways, was placed by the legislature under the State Highway Commission.

Schools require 25 cents of this year's levy, as against 50 cents last year. Most of the money collected under this section will be paid to the state, which, in return, has undertaken through the Maclean law to meet all expenses of the public schools for six months.

Valuation Figures

The total assessed valuation for the county is expected to be very nearly the same as last year, when it was \$7,220,000. The 1931 valuation figures have not been reported, pending approval by the reorganization commission of the valuations listed for public service companies and other corporations which come under its jurisdiction. Among these are the North Carolina Utilities, the various Mecklenburg subsidiaries working on power projects in the Nantahala-Apache section, and the Western Carolina Hydrogen company. Without these valuations the books now show a total assessed valuation for the county of \$6,756,351.

Although there have been quite a few downward readjustments in certain individual valuations and some releases, it is expected that the total will be very nearly off or by (Continued on page six)

Will Rogers Picks A Story For This Spot

By WILL ROGERS
THERE was a colored guy that worked for a railroad, and one day he come around and says to his



boss, "Say, Boss, I've mighty hard up. Could you let me have fifty dollars till the first of the month?" "Why, maybe I could," says the boss. "But I don't believe you take care of your money very much. If I lend you this fifty bucks, I'll just about carry you through the crap game next Monday night." "No sah, I won't use any of this here money for the crap game, Boss. I got seventy-five all put away in the radiator at home for that crap game. I needs this here fifty for legitimate expenses."

College Offers Education To Students Without Money

WEAVERVILLE, N. C., Sept. 16.—Should any young person having plenty of vegetables—or even a cow—and less money, desire an education, Weaver College is the place for him.

One girl will pay all her fees for 1931-32 with canned goods, for the table. Another will supply flour and corn meal. One year a boy brought a cow with him and paid his expenses in milk, but the cow, not having been used to such intelligent pasturage, very soon succumbed—a martyr to higher education. This year, to be more safe, two brothers will leave the cow at home and transport the milk. Let's hope the rarefied atmosphere of a college will not turn it sour!

We all remember the story of King Midas and his touch of gold. Brought up to date, the story would tell of all products of home and farm transmuted into an education for children of the harassed farmer.

However, if one is not fortunate enough to have farm produce to use for money, the car can be cajoled up and other young people can be transported, for a modest sum, to and from the college every day. Thus even the automobile has become the means of learning. At least this is the experience of car owners from Asheville and probably from other communities near Weaverville. And if one is very ingenious there will probably be many original and unusual ways to earn an education.