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JANUARY BUSINESS OFF TO A SLOW START

Department stores of the fifth federal reserve district, which covers five states and the District of Columbia made a comparatively good sales showing in 1938, but nevertheless, sold less during that year than they did in 1937.

Sales made by the 50 reporting department stores in the fifth district were three percent less than in 1937.

The percentage of decrease in department store business over the entire nation was 8 percent below that of busy 1937, but the sales of the past December were equal to those of December 1937 in the country at large.

The bank's report for December did not go beyond the statistical statement, but it seemed apparent that the "recession" of mid-1938 put the year's sales volume under 1937's.

The fifth district embraces Virginia, North and South Carolina, West Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Business in Person County was just about as the bank chart showed for the entire district. It started off fairly good here for the first part of 1938, but began to drop as fall was ushered in. December business proved to be good, but not good enough to take up the slack that came in September, October and November.

Everyone here is trusting that 1939 will prove to be much better than 1938. We are frank to admit, though, that January has not even started off being good. That same statement would hold true almost any January, but some years find the first month furnishing a fair volume of business.

One big factor that hurt business in January and the other months this winter was warm weather. We have had very little freezing weather, hardly no snow or ice and the result has been that winter merchandise still remains on the shelves in local stores.

TOBACCO PRICES LOW

Tobacco prices since Christmas have not been very pleasing. To tell the truth they have not even been pleasing in any way at all.

The general opinion in Roxboro is that if the farmers could vote on the control measure today it would be carried by a large majority.

The trouble is they cannot vote today and if prices that are now being paid for tobacco are indicative of what will be paid next year we are going to have hard sledding.

Many things can happen before next year's crop is ready for sale and a few things probably will.

LOOKS LIKE A GOOD IDEA

Rev. W. F. West is in line for Congratulations. His plan for a co-operative welfare agency holds promise of great things and much good can be accomplished through an agency of this kind.

There are many things along welfare lines that need to be done in this county and many of these could be handled by the county welfare department.

The co-operative agency can handle cases and projects that our county department could not consider and would not be allowed to look into.

It looks like a great idea and we hope that it goes through.

With Our Contemporaries

TAR HEELS CHEER DUKE

Chapel Hill Weekly

The following article is taken from Louis Graves' paper, and under the above heading were these significant lines: "Something New Under the Sun when Students Here Support Duke."

"If anybody had told me two months ago that I would soon see a crowd of University of North Carolina students going down on their knees begging for a Duke football victory I would have laughed in his face. And yet that was what I saw last Monday evening in the lounge of the Graham Memorial, the University student union.

"The students were gathered there to listen to a broadcast of the Duke-Southern California game in the Rose Bowl. The atmosphere was supercharged with a "crowd psychology" strongly in favor of Duke even before the broadcast began. It deepened as the game progressed, and when Tony Ruffa kicked Duke's field goal a spontaneous cheer went up from the Graham Memorial crowd.

After that the listeners settled down to the tension of waiting for the game to end. At last, when only one minute stood between Duke and an unscored on season, and Trojans passes were being completed in the vicinity of the Duke goal line, you could see that the suspense was well nigh unbearable to the little gathering of Tar Heels.

"And then, a few seconds later when the Trojans scored, the students got up and silently walked out of the building without even waiting to hear the rest of the game. I don't see how they could have looked more crestfallen had they just been listening to an equally heart breaking defeat of Carolina—Joe Jones."

HIS EMINENCE, THE PEDESTRIAN

Durham Herald

We are glad to observe that the city recreation department has set aside certain sections of the city at which, during certain times, roller skaters are to have room and protection. This is a commendable move, and we hope that our friends of the wheel and pirouette will take advantage of the opportunity.

While driving down Club boulevard near Duke street the other day we noticed a group of children skating merrily down the street, apparently oblivious of the tons of steel and iron on wheels passing intermittently, and which could have been weapons of slaughter if their drivers had neglected their business for an instant. Our children go their merry, skating way, without thinking of danger. It's a miracle that more of them aren't killed. Obviously, some of the parents of our city are neglecting their duties as mothers and fathers by allowing their children to cavort in the streets in such manner.

The bicycle rider is also an offender, no less than the skater. Every day we see them endangering their lives, and the lives of motorists by dashing carelessly in and out of traffic, graying the hair of worried drivers. The poor motorist today not only has to attend to his own driving, but he has to help out the pedestrian, the skater, the bicycle rider, and other motorists.

One of our pet aversions is that obnoxious species of pedestrians who sunter across our streets, taking their own good time in the realization that no motorist is going to run over them deliberately, but will slow his car and drive around them. How we love a person who, when he sees us coming, hastens to clear out of the way and leaves the street for the automobile! How we hate a person who, when he sees us coming, never accelerates his pace but forces us to drive around him putting us in imminent danger of ramming the oncoming car! We understand that in Japan, when a pedestrian is hit by an automobile, it is he who is persecuted and not the driver. Sometimes we feel that we would like to see such a law in force in these United States.

Of course, nobody is going to suggest we be free to run over whomever he pleases. But the streets should be for the motorist and the pedestrian should cooperate with him. All of which goes to prove that what is needed in the world today is a better understanding of the other fellow's problems. The motorist should be polite to the pedestrian in every way, but the pedestrian should also realize that whereas he has only his legs to operate, the motorist has a complex mechanism that doesn't respond so easily.

Something certainly should be done, however, about our children playing in the streets. It is so easy to kill a child with an automobile. Durham parents should impress upon their children the importance of playing in safer places.

guilt for the miscarriages that marked primaries and elections in North Carolina.

"Imperatively necessary" is the slogan for honest legislators.

Aviation Industry Spurred by College Training



The announcement by President Roosevelt recently of the completion of plans for the training of 20,000 college students annually as civilian pilots, with a consequent increase in the nation's air force, has proved exciting to aircraft manufacturers. Above is a view inside the North American Aviation, Inc., plant near Inglewood, Calif. The basic combat and 0-47 observation assembly lines are seen, with 0-47 wings visible in the foreground.

Person County Births Total 66 For December

The December birth list as released by the Person County Health department showed 41 white births and 25 Negro births as follows:

White Births

Mr. and Mrs. Ledford Long, Bushy Fork, boy; Mr. and Mrs. M. Thomas Whitt, Roxboro, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cates, Bahama, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Collins Abbitt, Roxboro, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Rogers, Roxboro, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Hilman Stanfield, Roxboro, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Clarke, Roxboro, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Chambers, Timberlake, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Oakley, Roxboro, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oliver, Hurdle Mills, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Davis W. Hoyle, Roxboro, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. O'Brian, Roxboro, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Lane, Ca-Vel, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Monroe Wrenn, Roxboro, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Oakley, Roxboro, boy; Mr. and Mrs. John Penticost, Roxboro, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Mason Crews, Roxboro, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Robin Walker, Longhurst, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Woody, Roxboro, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Otho Murry, Roxboro, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Alva C. Oakley, Roxboro, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Goodwin, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ray Puett, Longhurst, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Edgar Chambers, Roxboro, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Danie Briggs Whitfield, Hurdle Mills, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Whitfield, Roxboro, boy; Mr. and Mrs. George Gurley, Hurdle Mills, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Rimmer, Hurdle Mills, boys, twins; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rudder, Hurdle Mills, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nelson Yancey, Roxboro, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Jessie James Evans, Roxboro, girl; Mr. and Mrs. George Eakes, Rougemont, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cothran, Rougemont, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wilson, Timberlake, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Preston Zimmerman, Timberlake, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Hoy-

le, Timberlake, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Garland Rimmer, Hurdle Mills, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie D. Cates, Hurdle Mills, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Austin Flint Chisenall, Woodsdal, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Perry Clayton, Hurdle Mills, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Rimmer, Hurdle Mills, girl.

Negro Births

Julius Clayton and wife, Timberlake, boy; Dudley Barnett and wife, Roxboro, boy; John Royster and wife, Leasburg, girl; Eddie Pettiford and wife, Roxboro, boy; Teddy Raglan and wife, Rougemont, girl; Harvey Hayes and wife, Rougemont, boy; Fletcher Hayes and wife, Rougemont, boy; Cleo Potat and wife, Hurdle Mills, girl; Jack Blackwell and wife, Hurdle Mills, girl; Hassel Ross and wife, Hurdle Mills, boy; Alexander Shaw and wife, Hurdle Mills, boy; Davis Moore and wife, Roxboro, boy; Erving J. Crawley and wife, Woodsdale, boy; Albert Jones and wife, Roxboro, boy; Beman Bowman and wife, Roxboro, boy; William Chambers and wife, Roxboro, boy; James T. Morris and wife, Roxboro, boy; Mathew Hamlett Newcom and wife, Roxboro, girl; Charlie Coe Rayland and wife, Roxboro, boy; Mathew Hemlett and wife, Roxboro, girl; Lawyer Richardson and wife, Roxboro, girl; Albert Winstead and wife; Roxboro, girl; James Carlton and wife, Roxboro, girl; Johnnie Torian and wife, Roxboro, girl; Cleo Beard and wife, Longhurst, girl.

GRIDIRON GHOST



This Martian looking character is what the football player of the future will resemble if he dons all the safety equipment demonstrated recently at a football coaches' meeting. The various safeguards are designed mainly to protect the player in practice.

MEDICINE MAN



Quintar Eashore, Covina, Calif., inventor, installed 123 therapeutic lamps to protect his lemon grove during recent frosty nights. The lamps, used by physicians in electrotherapy, prevented his fruit from freezing.

REFLECTIONS

By R. M. SPENCER

AN INVENTORY

Have you noticed the account of men and women who have made their marks in other parts of the world and who gave Person County as the place of their birth?



There are many men and women from Person County who have made their marks in other parts of the world. This scroll of honor deserves commendation, but let's not forget

the men and women here at home!

What about the parents who have never seen their names in the headlines or who have never sat behind a mahogany desk? They brought children into the world, and by precepts taught them a wholesome respect for clean thoughts; who coached and encouraged them along the paths leading to their chosen careers and successes.

We are proud of our celebrities, but the ones who deserve special praise are the mothers and fathers here at home; humble, quiet and reverent. Who do their work, asking nothing more than that they should be allowed to live in peace and amity among friends of a lifetime and in the reflected glory of their children. Don't you think that their names should be included on our scroll of honor? I do!

TWO-FISTED WORDS

News And Observer

It is the picture of a two-fisted man, with one of them clenched, that The High Point Enterprise carries of ex-Congressman Lambeth in its story of the big public meeting he addressed a few nights ago in his home city of Thomasville. It is not only the picture that shows strength and vigor. The militant words employed by the ex-Congressman are quite as stout and strong. Discussing the misuse of the absentee ballot last year and the need of making the election booths the place of freedom and honesty, Mr. Lambeth said:

It is imperatively necessary that the General Assembly now sitting in Raleigh shall not adjourn without revising, clarifying, reforming, modernizing and strengthening the election laws of the State of North Carolina to the end that the will of the people may always be known and may always prevail.

The words "imperatively necessary" will meet a hearty response in the heart of every honest man in N. Carolina. The scandal of the use of the absentee ballot in North Carolina created the greatest stench in the nostrils of the State in 1938. Unless the Legislature sees to it that the election laws are changed so that "the will of the people may always be known and expressed" it will incur responsibility for any like future ills and assume

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