

Migrant Negro Gladly Returns To South

"Feets Jus' Ain't Made For That Snow And Ice Up Noth."

That a majority of the many negroes who migrated from Wilmington the north during the spring and summer months are returning to their native heath because they are unable to stand the cold weather to which they were subjected during the fall and present winter is borne out by the following conversation recently between a newspaper representative and a Wilmington negro who has just got home from Johnston, Ohio, because he got "cold feet."

"Stephen, I'm glad to see you again here where you been at these months? This is the first time I've seen you in quite a long time."

"Cap! I sho' is glad to see you, too! I've been up north working in a steel plant, but my Gawd, boss, it got so cold I just couldn't stan' it. Boss, ain't you got some kind of a job for me?"

"You say it got too cold for you up there; where were you located Stephen?"

"Boss, I left here last May and went to Johnston, Ohio, where a man gimme a job working in a steel plant. Everything was fine during the summer and me and them other Wilmington niggers there made plenty of money and had a good time; but Cap' long about September it got cold there as it ever gets here in the winter. My feet got cold when winter first set in and never got warm agin till I got here t'other day."

"There's plenty of work and money out there boss, but us southern niggers jus' can't stand that winter weather dey has out there, and all of these boys that wen away last summer ul come drifting back after while; but boss I wants a job; I've got an ole boss and is doing some hauling, but I wants some place to depen' on; ain't you got a job you can gimme, boss? If I kin fin' a place I can work at regular I'll swear to you I'll never leave Wilmington agin, 'cause I loves this good ole sunshine and my feets jus' ain't made for that snow and ice up noth."

CHURCH GOERS HAVE DEVOTIONS DISTURBED

What promised following church services Sunday morning to be the biggest haul of the year by the Elizabeth City police developed into one of the tames Monday morning sessions of the police court on record when Chief of Police Gregory and County Prosecuting Attorney Sawyer received instructions from the city council not to prosecute Sunday's violations of the recently enacted anti-parking ordinance passed by the city council.

Among those cited by the police to appear in court Monday was at least one member of the city council and the mayor himself.

Many automobile owning church goers of the city, coming out by their respective houses of worship following the morning service, had their Sunday morning spirit of devotion rudely broken into when they found their cars tagged with notice to appear in police court Monday morning for violation of the parking laws. Some fifty cases were docketed for appearance in court Monday morning as a result.

LEAVES ALL TO WIFE AND THEN VANISHES

William J. Partin, prominent Halifax county farmer, mysteriously disappeared from Enfield Wednesday afternoon. He helped his wife wash dishes after dinner, kissed her and left home in good spirits with Howell Weeks, a neighbor.

Mr. Weeks returned to the Partin home late in the afternoon saying that Mr. Partin said he would go home with another neighbor and brought some groceries and a note from him addressed to Bessie Partin, 17-year-old daughter, which read: "I am gone forever, never to return. Tell Ma to sell the cotton as she sees fit and have all the co-op checks cashed."

Mrs. Partin states that her husband was always affectionate and kind and had no debts and she can conceive of no motive for his going. He was seen to board a northbound train from Enfield. He has eight children, all of whom live at home except one married daughter. He owns his home and farm and had his bank account transferred to his wife before leaving.

"Just a Bit Past Forty"

(Written for the T. P. A. Magazine by J. M. Coningham.) When you're just a bit past Forty And your hair is turning gray, And you feel a wee bit naughty You will shake your head and say: "Oh, I used to be some stepper And a ladies' man, that's all. Now I'm just a bit past forty And for me they do not fall."

When you're just a bit past Forty And your children think you're old, And they speak of Dear old Daddy Don't it make your blood run cold? When your age by youth is measured It's sure tough, you will agree; When you're just a bit past Forty And your heart is twenty-three.

When you're just a bit past Forty And your wife, the little queen, Looks just as good as Daddy, As when she was Sweet Sixteen, You will kid yourself a little Say you're only in your prime— But you're just a bit past forty And you've lived past half your time.

When you're just a bit past Forty It is up to you I'm told To keep playing with the youngsters Do not let yourself grow old. Sing their songs and dance their dances

Do not fail to let them see, Though you're just a bit past Forty That your heart's still twenty-three.

England will soon know whether or not a labor government will work.—New York Tribune.

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THE COUNTY IN EXAMPLE

—Charlotte Observer—

The Observer has never worked a farm in Cleveland county, but in 1912 it was privileged to look on at the farmers who were working them, and it took up the idea that they were started out on the right track. They had just then begun the system of terracing, from which dated the revolution in agricultural conditions there. Cleveland was the originator of terrace farming in the state, and the good results secured in the beginning have encouraged the spread of terrace farming throughout that territory. Keeping yearly observation on the advancing condition of Cleveland farmers, the Observer a few months ago felt justified in sending out that county as the one in which is located "the object lesson." The Country Gentleman is a farm family illustrated paper of accredited standard throughout the United States and it is significant of Cleveland's fame that it is the North Carolina county picked out by that publication for exhibition in encouragement of American endeavor in agriculture. Mr. E. H. Taylor is the agent selected to look over the Cleveland field and make report and this he has done in inspiring manner. He writes under the general subject of "The Tarheel Quickstep" and gives the figures and the facts to back it. He presents an intelligent picture of "the well-earned prosperity" in this State and how it was earned. He takes up Cleveland as the county which gives best idea of the way "the North Carolina line is working out." Cleveland, he submits, gained a cotton crop of round 38,000 bales in 1923, more than double its production six years ago. "Heavy and intelligent fertilization, early planting with strains we have found best fitted to local conditions, frequent cultivation, picking up fallen squares and keeping on the job with the crop all season," is County Agent R. E. Lawrence's explanation. Cleveland's cotton crop is worth over \$6,000,000, but that isn't all of its farm income by a long shot. Although nearly all its 4,116 farms raise some cotton they produce a lot of other things too.

It farmers raise round 80 per cent of their food and feed supplies. The county has two flourishing creameries that last year made over half a million pounds of butter. "There are 8,000 milk cows in the county and fully a quarter of our farmers are patrons of the creameries, yet scarcely a man could be called a strictly dairy farmer, stated Wm. Lineberger, of the larger creamery. Poultry raising is being developed in the same way. Time was when North Carolina used only half as much fertilizer as Georgia or South Carolina. Last year it used nearly twice as much as either. Cleveland is a firm fertilizer advocate.

A two-eared type of corn is raised in the county. As a result of years of breeding, especially by L. G. Blalock, a strain that is particularly well adapted has been evolved. "We have found that by proper fertilization and cultivation, along with the use of legume crops, we can grow our corn on our poorest land, leaving the rich land to produce the biggest money bringer—cotton," remarked Sam Lattimore a fine young farmer.

That gives us the gist of the North Carolina idea—to find out the way to produce the largest returns, not only in crops and money, but in human well-being, then to put it into practice.

But that is just a skimming of the facts Mr. Taylor is spreading before the readers of the Country Gentleman. He gives warning to Iowa, Illinois, Texas and other States with certain claims to farm leadership, that they should wake up. North Carolina "is in the race and is moving fast." The North Carolina progress, he assures, "is not an accident." North Carolina splendid graft-free good roads system it is building; than the model school system it is striving toward; than its efforts to relieve farm tenancy; its taxation experiments; or its water-power and home market development.

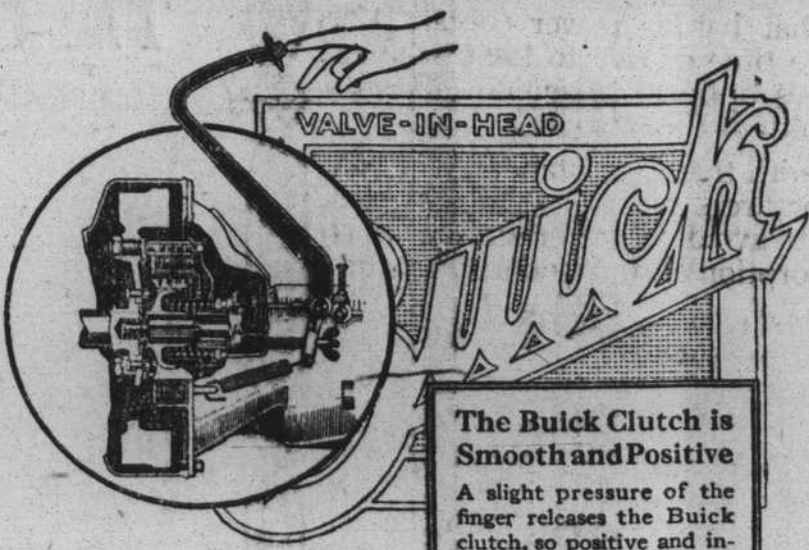
Mr. Taylor's story of the North Carolina plan for making the State a better place to live in, contains many facts of familiarity to the people and some facts with which they are not so familiar. For instance, a factor in its farm progress is the State's large proportion of small independent farmers—the 1920 census gave it 269,763 farms of 74.2 average, three fifths of them owned by the folks living on them. In the 10 years recorded by the last Census North Carolina showed one of the smallest increases in tenancy of any state, barely over one per cent. The tendency at present is toward ownership. This is wisely being encouraged by the State, a Farm Tenancy Commission being appointed in 1921 to study causes of tenancy and possible remedies. A companion commission recently made a study of land-settlement work in other states, with a view of applying the best ideas toward establishing the landless farmer on a place of his own, as well as attractive new settlers, for North Carolina has some of the richest undeveloped area left in the country.

We are never to forget that nobody is profiting from the good roads more than the farmers. North Carolina, thanks to its encouragement of water-power development, has a great number of textile mills in the central or piedmont region, the State now ranking second in cotton manufacture with 383 mills. Made accessible by good roads these mill towns have become excellent markets, bringing new opportunities to farmers especially those in the mountain counties once known as the Lost Province because of their isolation. Now fluid milk, butter, cheese, eggs and vegetables are pouring down from the mountain farms to the mill towns. These mountain counties are becoming known as the Switzerland of America for more reasons than their lovely scenery, for they average a cow to every inhabitant and they have 32 cheese factories. They also produce vegetables and Irish potatoes of unusual quality.

But the greatest benefit conferred by the good roads is upon the rural school children, and more than three-quarters of the State's 900,000 school population is rural. "If it were not for good roads our consolidated-school program could never be carried out," said A. T. Allen, Superintendent of Public Instruction. In 1900 the State's total annual school expenditures were under a million dollars. Now a \$25,000,000 school building program is under way and the State is spending \$16,000,000 a year for the operation of its schools. The Country Gentleman is carrying two pages of North Carolina inspirational information of this character and spreading it through the country.

HER EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY TO BE CELEBRATED FEB. 6.

Relatives and friends of Mrs. H. F. White will be interested in the announcement of an old-time "birthday dinner" to be given at her home on Belwood route 1—Wednesday, February 6, this being the eightieth anniversary of Mrs. White's birth. Mr. and Mrs. White have five living children, three sons and two daughters, together with a large number of grandchildren. The invitation is extended to the entire section, all being asked to come with well filled baskets and enjoy the day with the aged couple, their friends and relatives.



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GETS CITATION AFTER NEARLY 25 YEARS

After almost 25 years, Colonel Reginald P. McNally, of Oklahoma City has been cited by the war department for gallantry in action. On April 25, 1900, Colonel McNally, then a second lieutenant, led nine men against 200 Filipino insurgents in Luzon, routing the entire number and bringing his men through uninjured.

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By virtue of a decree of the Clerk of the Superior court of Cleveland county heretofore made in Special Proceeding No. 1386, the same being entitled, "In Re: Ella M. Corbett and husband, W. C. Corbett, William Lineberger and wife, Mattie Lineberger, M. A. Spangler and wife, Ethel Spangler, Jack Palmer, and wife, Ferris Palmer, Ex Parte," I, as commissioner, will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder at the court house door in Shelby, N. C., at 12 o'clock, M., on Monday, March 3rd, 1924, for the purposes of partition between the tenants in common the following described lot: Situated in the town of Shelby, N. C.

Beginning at the intersection of the east edge of North LaFayette St., with the north edge of Marion street, and running thence with said north edge of Marion street east about 130 feet to the west edge of a center alley, the said alley being the center alley running north from the court house thence with said west edge of said center alley north about 200 feet to the south edge of an east and west alley which lies immediately south of the First Baptist church lot in the town of Shelby, and running thence west with said south edge of said east and west alley about 130 feet to the east edge of North LaFayette St., thence with said edge of said street south about 200 feet to the beginning, the said lot being the lot upon which the Court View hotel and Drive-in Filling station are situated.

Prospective purchasers will be furnished at the time of said sale a statement showing the present lessee occupying said property, the rental paid by each of them, the terms of rental and the date of expiration of said rental.

This January 25th, 1924. R. L. RYBURN, Commissioner.

SALE OF STOCK OF MERCHANDISE AND FIXTURES UNDER CHATTEL MORTGAGE.

By virtue of two certain chattel mortgages executed by E. C. Conner to L. S. Conner and W. H. Blanton and being No. 1 dated April 3, 1923 and recorded in Book 101, page 611 and No. 2 dated December 2, 1923 and recorded in Book No. 127 page 52 and securing the indebtedness in said chattel mortgages set forth and default in the payment of each of same having been made, said mortgagees will on Monday February 11th, 1924 at 12 o'clock noon at the Court House door in the town of Shelby, N. C., sell to the highest bidder for cash all of the property incumbered by said two chattel mortgages to-wit: All of that stock of groceries, foods, wares and merchandise and all the fixtures owned by E. C. Conner and now in Curtis building located rear of the postoffice in Shelby, N. C. Inventory of said goods, groceries and fixtures etc., has been duly made by Mr. John S. McKnight and any parties wishing to inspect said inventory and stock of good and fixtures will have the privilege of doing so by seeing Mr. W. H. Blanton in Shelby, N. C.

The accounts due the said E. C. Conner are not being offered for sale but all such accounts are now due and are in the hands of Peyton McSwain, Attorney at Shelby, N. C., and parties owing same should see him at once.

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NOTICE OF SUMMONS. North Carolina, Cleveland County, in the Superior court. Mattie Lawrence vs. J. T. Lawrence. The above named defendant will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior court of Cleveland county for divorce and the said defendant will take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior court of said county on the 20th day of February, 1924, at the court house in said county, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

MORTGAGE SALE OF TRUCKS. By virtue of a chattel mortgage and condition sales agreement made by Elliott & Sons to the Republic Truck Sales Corporation on October 12, 1922, and being for the purchase price of the four trucks hereinafter described and recorded in the office of the Register Mesne Conveyances at Spartanburg, S. C., in Book No. 68 page 768, and default being made in the payment of said purchase price of said trucks as in said mortgage required, and in order to obtain funds with which to pay the balance due thereon, the mortgagee will on Monday, February 18th, 1924, at 12 o'clock noon or within legal hours, at the court house door in Shelby, N. C., sell by public auction to the highest bidder for cash the four Republic trucks, described in said mortgage as: Two Republic trucks model 2-11X L Serial Nos. 1 and 2 model 1922; Two Republic trucks Model No. 11 X B Serial Nos 52 and 53 model 1922. This January 19th, 1924. REPUBLIC TRUCK SALES CORPORATION. O. M. Mull, Atty. for Mortgagee.