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Everybody who has any land ought to plant one or two pecan trees if no more. The pecan is a beautiful, long lived shade tree and even if it did not bear the delicious nuts that it does, it would be worth having.

A mule near Monroe was certainly born with bad luck. One automobile knocked him down and two others hit him and finished up the job. In addition to this bad luck his owner was arrested for hitting the animal run at large.

The appetite of North Carolina for paved roads seems insatiable. No sooner does the Highway Commission or some county, finish a piece of road than somebody discovers another piece that must be paved at once or the heavens will fall. Roadbuilding is going forward at a rapid pace all over the State but it will be many a year yet before everybody is satisfied.

On account of the alleged cruelties of the boss of the convict camp in Stanly county and unfavorable publicity arising from the incident, the county has abolished the system altogether. The convicts, it seems, have been sent to another county. This relieves the situation in Stanly county somewhat but how about the various other counties that maintain convict camps? Some very bad things have happened in other county camps, besides Stanly's and it might not be a bad plan to do away with the county convict system altogether.

With a war going on in Syria and another in Africa the French have enough fighting to do to keep them from getting rusty. The Syrian war comes from the "Mandate" given the French over that country at the close of the war. They tried to get the United States to take a "Mandate" over Armenia at the same time but fortunately for this country the Senate had too much sense to get into any such trap. Nations as well as individuals get along better when they attend to their own business and leave other people to do the same thing.

DRINKING AT COLLEGES.

A recent issue of the University Far Heel says that considerable liquor drinking has been going on among the students there and that liquor is sold openly day and night on the streets of Chapel Hill. This is a bad condition and ought to be rectified as far as possible by the college authorities but we doubt though if any large number of the students at the University are habitual drinkers and no more drinking is done in proportion to numbers there than is done at other colleges. The trouble is that some drinking is done at all of them now and always has been done. For that matter we doubt if the home towns of most of the students can show any better condition in the matter of drinking than the colleges can.

BETER RAIL FACILITIES.

The recent report sent out from Washington, D. C. that the British-American and Imperial tobacco companies had acquired the controlling interest in the Norfolk Southern railroad is a matter of much interest to the public, particularly the people of eastern Car-

olina. This means doubtless that this railroad which has been handicapped for capital will have the money which it needs for improvements and expansion. The roadbed of the Norfolk Southern is poor and it will take a lot of money to put it in firstclass condition. No doubt the road needs some larger engines and new freight and passenger cars also. It may be that some new track will be laid but the main thing needful is to improve what the company already has. For freight transportation a large section of the State depends upon the Norfolk Southern. We of the east are hopeful that the change in ownership means better service by the road and greater prosperity for it.

COTTON ESTIMATES.

Several months ago when the Federal Government crop reports showed that a large crop of cotton was in sight a considerable howl went up from some politicians and newspapers. They said a great injustice was being done to the Southern cotton farmer. Now most of the crop has been ginned and it seems that after all the truth was told about the crop, that is to say the estimates were approximately correct. Up to December the first there had been ginned 13,857,886 bales and the estimate is that about two million more bales will be ginned. The truth is that the farmers planted an enormous acreage and have raised a whale of a crop. North Carolina has ginned 1,030,868 bales and will gin about 60,000 more which will be the biggest crop in the State's history.

Cotton is bringing a fairly good price now although the buyers all know that a big crop has been raised. If the Department of Agriculture had pretended that the crop was a small one there would have been a big smash up in prices when the truth became known. In that event the farmers would have suffered a loss sure enough. As is those who made a good crop of cotton will come out very well. Some say that the Government ought to stop making estimates on cotton altogether. If this should be done then the making of estimates would be left entirely to the speculators in which case the cotton farmer would be in a worse fix than he is now.

BOLSHEVISM NOT WANTED IN UNITED STATES

The overthrow of the Russian czaristic government was necessary for the progress of the Russian people. The substitution of the Bolshevistic regime though was a case of swamping the witch for the devil. It is just as necessary now for the Russian masses to rid themselves of their Bolshevist bosses as it was to depose the Czar. Under the old government a Russian could get along as well as any one could in some other country, provided he did not do any plotting against the government. Now a man cannot engage in business with any hope of success. What he makes is liable to be taken from him at any time and if he offers any sort of resistance to his oppressors he is liable to be thrown in prison or shot. Under such conditions it is impossible to accumulate any property or to make any sort of success unless one happens to be an office-holder, a friend of the bosses.

It may take a long time but eventually Russia will get out of the sea of troubles in which she is now floundering. The principles of communism are not practical, as many Russians have already learned. In the meantime a fearful price is being paid to find out what a failure communistic doctrines are. Even more foolish is the effort of the Bolsheviks are making to spread their pernicious doctrine in other countries. They have, at great expense, sent their missionaries to China, England, Germany, the United States and other countries for the purpose of converting people to communism. Like the fox whose tail had been cut off and who tried to get the other foxes to have theirs amputated, the Russian bolsheviks want to get other folks in trouble. So far they

do not seem to have met with much success; at any rate the money spent in America has been a poor investment. Until they can make a better showing at home than they have, the Russians should cease their missionary efforts

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PHILLIPS APPOINTED HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

ed during the coming week when the Commission again meets. Raleigh heard with relief of the safe arrival of the crew of the steamship Cotapaxi at Cuba. The vessel left Charleston about two weeks ago and was lost at sea while the crew was rescued by a passing vessel. Aboard as wireless operator was L. M. Waring Jr., son of Wake county's coroner, who was among those saved. The storm off the Florida coast claimed the vessel.

Machines will replace many of the workers in the license bureau and a saving is expected to be effected in stamping licenses, so the story goes. Dr. Mark F. Boyd, member of the international Health Board, paid the North Carolina State Board of Health an official visit during the week. Accompanying him was Dr. K. G. Rastappa, of Ceylon, India, who is making a study of malaria prevention methods in America. While in this city Deputy Boyd imparted the information that plans are in the making to move the Rockefeller field station for the study of malaria from Georgia to North Carolina.

Building and loan associations are going concerns in North Carolina according to calculations worked out by J. Merritt Lear and published in one of the State bulletins. The survey covers a five-year period ending January 1, 1925. The result sustains the contention that putting savings into building and loan is a safe investment.

The Federal Department of Commerce finds that one divorce occurs to every sixteen marriages in North Carolina and that there was an increase of both in the State during 1924, there being 23,190 marriage and 1,461 divorces. New York led in the number of marriages and Texas heads the list of divorces with 15,373.

Raleigh is the place and January 27-28 the date for the State meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association, Worth Wiley, of New York, a national officer; R. H. King, of Atlanta, a regional secretary and F. Ramsey, Cleveland, Ohio of the National Council, are booked for addresses.

The estimators report the largest cotton crop this year the State has ever produced the number of bales having reached the new high level of 1,400,000 or 15,000 greater than the "biggest ever."

It is announced that 81,560 persons attended the football games in the State during the season this year. This is due, in large measure, to the big fair week and Thanksgiving games, which reported from 15,000 to 18,000 admissions. This appears to be a "sporty" old commonwealth.

The State Department of Agriculture, through its division of Markets, claims to have aided in the marketing of 2,413 head of cattle which sold for \$106,000, since the first of last January. There were 76 cars loads of these taken largely from the counties of Buncombe, Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey, in which co-operative livestock shipping associations were organized during the summer.

Oscar Miller, Croatan Indian, and blinded veteran of the World War, is under charges in the Federal court of having sworn falsely as to the date of the loss of his eyesight in order to bring the injury within the thirty day period following his discharge from the service, and for the collection of a thousand dollars from the government in a fraudulent manner. Failing to appear in court his bond for \$300 was forfeited and a capias issued for his arrest.

Deputy Sheriff Will Mangum who was wounded in a gun battle with a bandit giving his name as "Slim Anderson" several weeks ago, has been released from Rex Hospital and is back home again. Anderson died from wounds inflicted by other officers and was buried here through the instrumentalities of a number of charitably inclined persons. Mr. Mangum says Anderson was the most dangerous man with whom he ever came in contact and would have shot other officers present had his pistol not missed fire.

Vinyards have been kept by the Mediterranean people since the time of Noah.

Stationery office of the British Government corresponds to our Government Printing Office. New Englanders eat pie for breakfast.

LETTERS ARRIVE FOR SANTA CLAUS

Boys and Girls Make Their Wishes Known Through Beaufort News

My Dear old Santa,
I am writing you a few lines to let you know what I want for Christmas. I want a doll that will open her eyes, and one who will say mama and a big carriage, a trunk for my dollie and a tea set, some apples, oranges, negroes and candy. I am eight years old.

A little girl,
CLEO JARVIS,
Straits, N C

I want you to bring me a fountain pen and a wrist watch, some nuts, oranges and apples, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

OVINIA GILLIKIN,
Beaufort, N. C. Dec 15

I want you to bring me a big money doll, a carriage, a big rubber ball, some nuts, oranges, apples, I am a little more than six years old but forget me.

INA CARR GILLIKIN
Beaufort, N C

I will drop you a letter telling you what to bring me for Christmas. I want a big blue carriage, a mamma doll a tea set and some apples, oranges and negroes, I am eleven years old, I have been good all year.

A little girl,
MARIE JARVIS,
Straits, N C.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our many friends of Beaufort our heart felt appreciation for the many acts of kindness to our dear old mother, Amanda E. Peterson in her recent illness, for their sympathy and words of comfort.

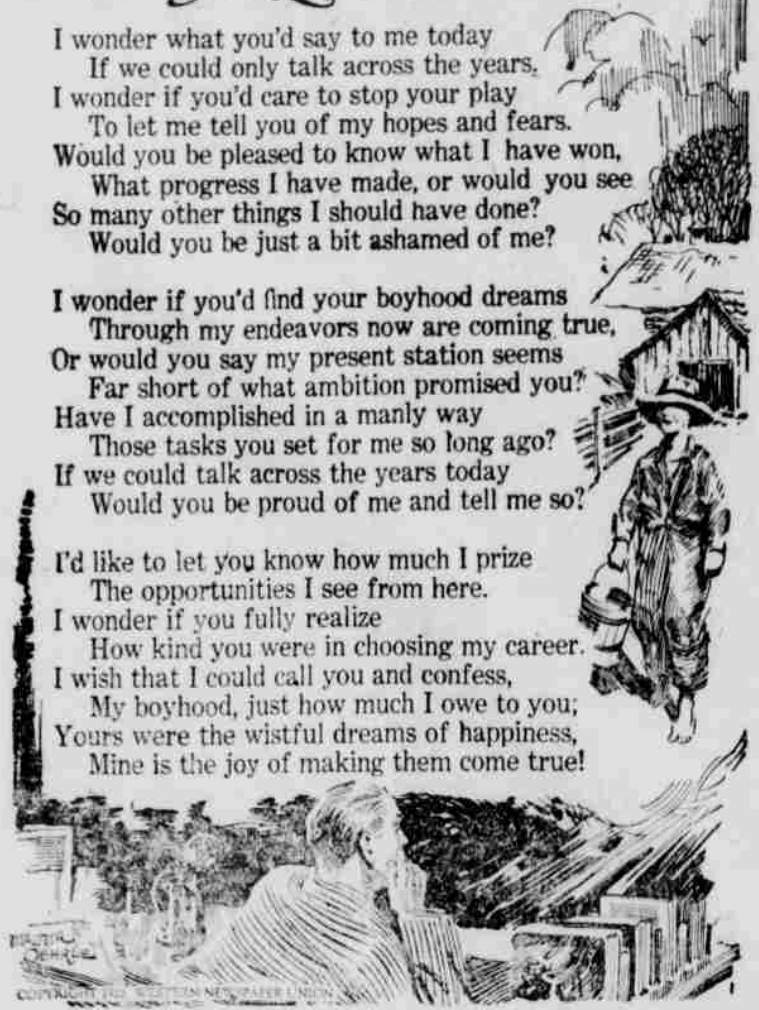
Gone but not forgotten. Written by her son and his wife.
W. C. PETERSON,
329 4th. Ave.,
Atlantic City, N. J.

Across the Years -
by O. Lawrence Hawthorne

I wonder what you'd say to me today
If we could only talk across the years,
I wonder if you'd care to stop your play
To let me tell you of my hopes and fears.
Would you be pleased to know what I have won,
What progress I have made, or would you see
So many other things I should have done?
Would you be just a bit ashamed of me?

I wonder if you'd find your boyhood dreams
Through my endeavors now are coming true,
Or would you say my present station seems
Far short of what ambition promised you?
Have I accomplished in a manly way
Those tasks you set for me so long ago?
If we could talk across the years today
Would you be proud of me and tell me so?

I'd like to let you know how much I prize
The opportunities I see from here.
I wonder if you fully realize
How kind you were in choosing my career.
I wish that I could call you and confess,
My boyhood, just how much I owe to you;
Yours were the wistful dreams of happiness,
Mine is the joy of making them come true!



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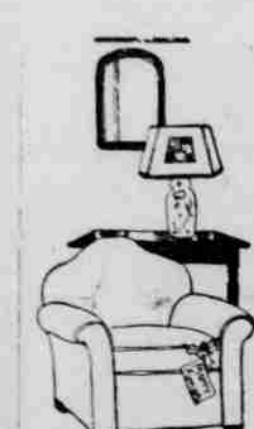
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