

MAXTON'S MAYOR A LOYAL CITIZEN

He Must Be, for Glory is All His Office Pays Him

(Special to The Dispatch.) Maxton, Dec. 1.—Highly maga-

zines have of late made much ado about the prominent and opulent bankers who have marooned down forty seven stories, stripped themselves to shirt sleeves and turned office boys to the government for an annual income of just one dollar.

How much of this is fact and how much more camouflage we don't know, but wherever a Maxtonian runs across one of said articles, he is won't to say, "Tut, tut, nothing to it," for in her mayor Maxton has a banker beside whose salary \$1.00 appears princely, not to say a fat and juicy plum. Sneaking by and large, \$1.00 is just one hundred percent greater than the mayor's salary.

Mayor J. M. Armstrong is a banker by his own predilection, but more largely, perhaps, through inheritance. Let us not forget that in his father, the late J. S. Armstrong, was a banker of parts in Wilmington and Baltimore. And certes, if there is any position in the great, wide world wherein a banker is urgently and forcibly needed it is that of the head of a municipal hall, for deficit is its most prominent title. The banker or whatever he maybe who essays to uphold the dignity, finances and credit of ye small town has a job beside which that of the ancient individual who went about with the earth on his back was child's play.

Harking back to the beginning our present mayor was elected unanimously, and might quite as readily have been elected by acclamation, had the electorate thought of it, which it didn't. Let not this fact, however, lead one to believe that being mayor of North Carolina's prize town is a thing lightly achieved, for take it from me, running for mayor here is a perilous undertaking. The Maxton electorate cares not a piffle for precedent, and rarely by any chance elects its executive in the same manner twice. It has been known to tire of one set of candidates by noon, take them all down, and start all over again. This is unorthodox, but possesses, at least, the virtue of allowing a large number of the ambitious to join the ranks of the "prominently mentioned" and "also ran."

At other times two popular gentlemen have conventioned to the fore, neck and neck, at which time the versatile electorate dispensed with further worry by having them toss up a coin, and let it go at that.

By what process of reasoning the best flipper of coins is adjudged the best mayorally timber is a trifle obscure, but it goes in Maxton when the electorate feels that way.

Mayor Armstrong's cabinet, Messrs. P. L. McCormick, C. V. Roberson, E. E. Chandler, and L. B. Martin, all prominent business men, and successful, were also of the unanimous class, and we are glad of it, but after some years experience with the Maxton ballot, the fates themselves are ignorant as to what will happen to the next candidates.

\*\*\* FALL AND WINTER PLOWING ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS OF THE FARMER. (By Allen Maul, General Advertising and Development Agent, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad).

Humus is essential to crop production in all soils. A soil without humus cannot be depended upon to produce maximum crops. The application of mineral fertilizers will not restore its fertility. Organic matter is absolutely necessary to keep a soil in good mechanical condition. A soil not in proper mechanical condition cannot be productive. The most economical way to put humus in a soil is by plowing into it the vegetable matter in the form of green crops, vegetation of all character and by the application of barnyard manures.

It is usual at the end of the season that our lands in the South are covered with a rank growth of grasses, weeds and other vegetables. Early fall and winter plowing should turn this vegetation into the soil that the winter rains may decompose it and turn it into humus.

If there were no other reasons for early fall and winter plowing, this one is sufficient to make it imperative. In discussing humus and its relation to crop production one of our agricultural experts enumerates the following functions of humus: "Humus is the chief supply of nitrogen. Humus makes the soil more mellow and granular. Humus permits air to enter heavy and compact soils. Humus acts as a sponge and increases the water holding capacity of the soil. Humus furnishes food for countless numbers of bacteria that are beneficial to plant growth. Humus binds together the soil particles and thus prevents the soil from drifting by winds and washing. Humus makes available plant food from the store of unavailable plant food in the soil." It is easy then to understand the importance of plowing into the soil the vegetable matter available on the land.

TWELVE KILLED IN YEAR'S FOOTBALL

This Season's Football Fatality List is Shorter Than Last Year

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 1.—Football exacted a toll of 12 victims during the 1917 season which ended with Thanksgiving Day games, according to reports to the Associated Press today. The number was six less than in 1916 and four less than two years ago. In 1914 there were 15 deaths.

Defenders of the popular college sport pointed to the fact that not a fatality nor even a serious injury occurred in the big universities and colleges where the game is conducted under expert physical direction. All of the victims, with one exception, were either high school students or players who, with little or no training, participated in the semi-professional games. A majority of the cases showed that the players entered the game without proper knowledge of it and without proper physical condition for so rough a sport.

The open style of play, instead of the smashing game which rapidly being discarded, has eliminated much of the danger, in the opinion of Fred L. Murphy, a former Yale star, now coach at Northwestern University. The players, he said, also are better protected through improved heavily padded uniforms and headgear.

The list of victims: Roscoe E. Battan, Hastings, Neb., high school student; killed November 16 by a blow which produced heart paralysis. George A. Blewett, of Los Angeles, 20 years old, student at the University of California; died of a brain hemorrhage on October 8—two days after a freshman game.

Charles C. Persiani, Jr., of Plantsville, Conn., 19 years old, student at Pennsylvania Military College, died November 18 of a ruptured blood vessel of the brain. Elvin Anderson, Trinidad, Colo., high school student, died October 9 of an injury to his spine.

Roy Groues, Wilsonville, Neb., high school student, 17 years old, died November 15 of internal injuries. Guy Henry, Athens, Texas, high school student, 18 years old, died October 13 of internal injuries sustained in a high school game.

Thomas Ryan, of Alvarado, Texas, died November 13 of injuries received in a high school game played four days previously. Henry Leidendecker, Champagne, Ill., high school student, 17 years old, died November 15 as a result of injuries received in a game played two weeks previously.

Harold A. Holz, 17 years old, died in Indianapolis, on November 12 of injuries received in a game played a month previously. F. J. Boyes, half back on the Charleston, S. C., navy yard team, died November 3, of concussion of the brain as the result of being tackled.

Ellis Hamilton, of Detroit, 17 years old, died November 26 of injuries received in a game played the previous day. Harry De Loff, of Detroit, 26 years old, died November 29 of injuries suffered in a semi-professional game.

STATE DELVES INTO FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF GASTON MEANS

(Continued From Page One.) List of securities aggregating something like \$75,000. The witness testified that he selected securities amounting to \$38,000 as collateral for the loan.

M. M. Garretson, of the Illinois Trust Company, Chicago, next was presented by the State to prove that Means took another list of securities on December 26, 1916, to the Illinois Trust Company and secured a loan of \$15,000, putting up about \$25,000 as collateral. The State claims that Means took the securities composing the \$125,000 trust held by the Merchants Loan and Trust Company for the benefit of Mrs. Robinson and disposed of them for his own benefit at various banks.

Mr. Garretson identified a transcript of account showing that Means deposited in about one month's time in January and February, 1917, the sum of more than \$105,000 and drew it all out within a period of about thirty days ending September 27, 1917.

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that which is lost, the land becomes non-productive although it may contain a large quantity of plant food. The Southern farmer who overlooks the saving of all vegetable matter grown on the soil after his crops are made does not appreciate the importance of humus as an ameliorator of land. When humus is absent, sandy soils become too loose and leach and rot, and soil containing clay hakes and becomes lumpy. The different physical characteristics of clay lumps and mellow soils are largely due to the greater amount of humus in the good soils, and yet we have seen that the chemist may pronounce the cloddy soil richer in native plant food.

Commercial fertilizers are of little benefit. Plowing under a heavy coating of barnyard manure will greatly benefit it. The heavy coating of heavy yard manure would likewise greatly improve its textures. But the most important thing for our farmers to understand is the preventing of their land from becoming cloddy and compact. Humus is the only remedy. The chief source of humus is vegetable matter and barnyard manures. These applied to the land in abundance will keep it in a mellow condition and at the same time conserve its crop producing powers by rendering the plant food in the soil available to the growing crops.

MOST URGENT NEED IN NORTH CAROLINA

CITIZENS MUST SEE THAT PREVENTABLE FIRES ARE REDUCED TO MINIMUM.

ABUNDANT HARVEST READY

Every Farmer, Farm Wife, Girl, Boy, and Employee on Farm Must See That No Food Crops Are Destroyed By Fire.

Recent reports from sections of North Carolina telling of alleged uprisings against the selective draft, when sifted down proved to be purely unproven rumors or cases of protest made by persons thoroughly ignorant of the law providing for the selective draft. It is unfortunate that the report should have gone out to newspapers throughout the nation leaving the impression that there might be an organized protest or a protest of any proportion from North Carolina against a condition such as the country now faces. North Carolina is fortunate in being more than 99 per cent. American. Recent war census figures show that less than one per cent of the population of the state is foreign born. The people of North Carolina will be found always ready to support the powers that have charge of the conduct of the war that has been thrust upon America.

In some parts of the country serious complications have arisen with industrial socialist organizations. State and county officials and in some instances troops have had to be called to cope with the situation. In the Dakotas army officers have been warned of an organized plot to destroy great crops of grain as it is harvested and stored. Throughout various parts of the country there have come reports of arrests of supposed German spies or pro-German agitators. But none of this sort of activity has been reported in North Carolina so far.

There remains but one enemy of the people of North Carolina and that enemy by proper effort is the easiest of them all to cope with. It is carelessness. Abundant crops are now ready to harvest or have already been harvested. The urgent need in North Carolina is what may be termed a burning need. It is that every farmer, every farm wife, every farm employee, every boy and every girl on every farm in the state should use every care to see that these food crops and this cotton is protected against the danger of destruction by fire.

North Carolinians have little to fear from alien enemies or their sympathizers because there are few if any here. Incendiary fires are few and those that occur are the outgrowth of personal enmity and not the acts of enemy agents. It is incumbent upon every citizen to see that preventable fires are reduced to a minimum. Every ounce of food destroyed or unnecessarily consumed is an ounce of treason ignorantly or intentionally committed.

The fact that insurance is carried and that the value of the burned foodstuffs may be collected in money does not even tend to mitigate the loss. When foodstuffs burn in a time like this money will not replace it. Every ounce of foodstuffs produced is needed somewhere while thousands are suffering from the lack of sufficient food. The duty which so plainly faces North Carolina is the duty to guard against themselves. A little care and the practice of ordinary precaution against the destruction by fire of crops in barns and warehouses will conserve the foodstuffs that the promised bountiful crops will yield. It is the duty of each to see that carelessness does not permit their destruction. If North Carolina crops are destroyed in barns or in storage it will not be by the hand of an alien enemy or an erratic pacifist for there are none of this class roaming this section. Nor will it be "an act of Providence," but the inevitable result of purely human negligence.

IN THE WAR AGAINST WASTE.

Joining other numerous forces throughout the nation in the war against waste as a helping hand to the country's struggle to "Make the World Safe For Democracy," one of the large insurance companies has issued a bulletin which, it announces, has as its object the promoting of patriotism, good citizenship and the physical betterment of the people. Some very timely suggestions are herewith presented from this valuable paper:

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"But economy is not enough. We must produce more, conserve more and every one enlist in the war against waste."

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