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A GUESS AT THE FUTURE

Always anybody can have a guess at any time, but at times the conditions help along in making the guess. From what The Pilot can gather from the papers, from people, from business authorities and from various sources, the business outlook is improving and promising to improve. Not that the evidence indicates any swift return to the heights that prevailed in the recent past, but rather that a modest recovery is ahead, and a substantial progress is coming.

The good dewberry crop is one of the assurances for this section. What the prices are to be is yet to determine, and probably not the highest, although the strawberry prices would signify that a fair return is likely to come to the dewberry men. But whether high or low a certain amount of money will come, for the crop is a good one and in good shape. The peach outlook is good, the fruit coming out of the spring without damage from frosts and holding a healthy condition all through. The big crops of recent years are not to be duplicated this summer, which gives hope that prices may be fair. As a large share of the crop will go to market in baskets instead of in the small packages that cost of harvesting and forwarding will be less, so a smaller price will be more profitable than a similar small price would have been in the past. The outlook for a good return from peaches seems likely now.

The grain crops, which appear to be about the biggest harvested in the county in years, are the most satisfactory in character raised in a long time, which means relief in that quarter. By the time that all the things in sight are harvested and disposed of tobacco will begin to claim attention. It is too soon to guess much at tobacco but enough will be made to help materially, and some cotton will be realized. Poultry will show results this summer. Along with the farm conditions other employment crops up here and there, and altogether the outlook is not so bad as it might be. The signs generally are hopeful, and as people are manifesting more thrift and economy those who predict improvement are probably not far wrong.

A BRIEF LOOK BACKWARD

Last week Vass had a sort of an experience meeting which it designated as a cotton show. One of the objects was to stress the use of cotton materials in any way that might broaden the call for cotton lint and cotton yarns, both made in the Vass area. A similar sentiment was noted over the entire county. But when the folks began to analyze the situation it began to appear that Moore county is in pretty fair shape. It is true that talk of financial depression is heard, and in some cases in the communities conditions require some watching, but after a thorough investigation it looks as if all of Moore county is prospering if the test is by any yard stick of the past.

Moore county people were never better clad, never had a more varied ration, or better houses to live in, or better roads to get about on, or more good neighbors, or as many good newspapers, or as many contacts with the outside world by radio, telephone, or as many electric lights, or as good medical service, or as many automobiles, or go on with that list as long as you like, and then compare today with twenty years ago, or forty years ago, or any time

you like. The truth is that all over Moore county today a luxury prevails that a generation ago would have set down as incomprehensible if such had been predicted. One day last week observers noted a group of some 25 airplanes flying across the country near the Hoke county line on their way from Fort Bragg to an Alabama point. A sick woman was moved from Southern Pines to Pennsylvania by air a few days ago, and an airport is now one of the familiar sights half a dozen miles from Vass.

Suppose we moved back twenty-five years in Vass. It would be much like moving out the back door. Or if the whole county moved back that length of time. In comparison our present situation would be regarded as the height of opulence if it could have been forshadowed. To predict twenty-five years ago that nearly every farmer in the county would have a car, black and white alike, would have moved the old settlers of that day to hilarious laughter.

Made in Moore county can chalk up a big picture when we turn back a little and visualize how far we are today, even with this presumed financial depression about us, and compare it with what we looked on a quarter of a century ago as fairly satisfactory prosperity and progress. The truth is that if by any magic we could be returned to the good old days we would stage an insurrection and insist on coming back to this depression pronto and emphatically. The Vass cotton show demonstrates one thing, and that is that this old world is not in bad shape, and pinned onto that discovery can very well be the prediction that each year leads us farther toward a still better general condition of the whole human race, Moore county along with the rest. Look back once in a while instead of all the time holding your eyes to the little difficulties on the road at your feet.

PASSING FROM THE JAZZ AGE

Claude Hayes, who from his position as a book store man can catch the sentiment that moves the people, says the country is positively passing out of the jazz age. The froth of Vanity Fair is giving way to more substantial inclinations and tastes and a more serious outlook on life is supplanting the frivolous and the flippant. Charlie Picquet, who has an equally good point of view, says the same thing. He rejoices that a better type of picture is available, pictures that have some weight and purpose, and he says the objectionable is dropping from the market, and that it is much easier now than ever in the history of the screen to find a selection of films he can present to his patronage without an unwilling feeling on his part.

More and more he finds the producers bringing out the things that appeal to the sense of clean humor, and to the approval of the folks who like a clean melodrama or a romance that does not consist so largely of the offensive as has been too common with much of the screen stuff. Mr. Picquet says that since Will Hays has come to the rescue of the screen he has been of great value in cleaning out the influence that for a time threatened to wreck the industry, and that the producers are finding that decent stuff will meet with a more cordial reception by the people generally than the flavor of filth that has characterized too much of the material that has been common in the last few years.

The people who appreciate the value of the picture show in the community can help in this matter if they will occasionally let Mr. Picquet know that the better type of stuff is desired. The better type of picture shows are doing all they can to clean up, and Mr. Picquet says, with gratifying success. The people can help a lot by showing their approval.

PROVIDING FOR EMPLOYMENT

A day or so ago a colored man proposed to a villager to lay in at least a part of his winter wood now. The negro's interest was in having an outlet for his wood at the present time that he might be busy in cutting and hauling it. His argument to the prospective buyer was that now when

wood is certainly available it can be procured and be on hand when it is needed, and that it will be seasoned and in shape for use when fall comes. The project is one that will stand considering. Wood is one of the best fuels that can be furnished for domestic use. Its heating qualities are high as compared with anything else, and it is cleaner than some fuels. It burns with a friendly fire, and it leaves no unsightly ashes. Good oak, hickory or gum wood as found abundantly all over this section, with just a little fat pine to offer an occasional stimulus to the fire, but not too much, covers the whole bill of requirements. If properly bought wood is probably the cheapest fuel that the neighborhood uses.

Dry wood is much better than green wood. Cut now and delivered in the yard it will be dry and in condition by fall. Provided now, the uncertain problem of fuel in the fall and winter is disposed of. Then comes that other motive—keeping men employed in the wood lot now when some of them are anxious to have profitable employment. Buying a load of wood involves no charity, for you get the value of your money, and possibly by buying a few cords of wood now and piling it up you get it at a lower price than will be possible in the fall when wood is in active demand. No doubt you will have the pick of better wood, for in the fall you hesitate about declining a load of not very good wood when you really need wood, for fear the next load may be no better. But now you will limit your buying if the quality is not up to your notion.

It is a pretty good idea to get in at least a part of your winter wood now when men want to provide it for you. You will probably make money by the deal and be ready for fall when it comes.

CLOTHING THE WOMEN

The observers at the Vass Cotton Show staged last week by the Woman's Club of that progressive and homey village has spread before them in amazing fashion one fact—the attrac-

tiveness and cheapness of woman's garb. As the displays of goods were accompanied by a statement of prices it was amusing to hear announced that a little girl's dress cost thirty-nine cents, or a small boy's raiment cut fifty-seven cents out of the family dollar, or that mother dug into the pocketbook to the tune of maybe a dollar and thirty-nine cents, or maybe for some simple thing not even that much. Compared with fifteen or twenty yards of goods that their mothers used to call for at maybe a dollar or two a yard, with a lot more cost for the "findings" and the trappings of buttons and other trimmings and the cost of making, the women of today get through on almost the widow's mite.

The cotton manufacturers have made it possible for the people in the most remote corner of the nation to vie with Solomon in the character of their clothing, and they are helped out by the designers, the dye chemists, the manufacturers of weaving machinery, and by a thousand other contributors. And that unpretentious leader, the home demonstration agent, the genius who has spread a familiarity

with the mystery of making tasty clothing for the rural and the village family. Nothing expensive was seen at that show, nothing offensively elaborate, nothing straining to produce an effort, and the result was a household of women, of all ages, tastefully clad, at a cost that is inconsiderable, in variety of material and design that covered the range of ingenuity in construction and harmony until it is hard to imagine a more interesting picture of human grouping.

The cotton show at Vass accomplished its purpose. It impressed everybody there with the unlimited power of the producers of cotton clothing to provide for the broad world an array of apparel, astonishingly low in price, surprising in its many pleasing appeals to the eye and to the comforts of the wearer, and in every respect a textile asset that is without comparison in its many qualities. That cotton-garbed audience was as satisfying a human exhibit as could be desired, and not only because of their clothing, but because it was a representative gathering of intelligent and cordial and wholesome people.

GRAINS OF SAND

One of our good advertisers told us the other day that business with him was good, just as good so far this year as for the first five months of last year. Another merchant told us business was rotten. But he's not an advertiser.

Ralph Chandler says these are great nights for sleep. A cotton grower told us these were bad days and nights for cotton.

Richard Tufts went up north and suffered from the heat and went from there to Myrtle Beach and had to wear a sweater.

So it goes.

Balaam Good, of the Turkeyrun section, was in town Monday. He pounded his fist on the counter two or three times in telling what a hardboiled man he was until the man who weighs out stuff and ties up packages stopped a minute to look at him. Balaam insisted again, "I'm the best man on Turkeyrun head," and

the tie-up man cut in. "Balaam, you talk too much with your mouth. A fellow can go over to the Moore County Hospital and get spare parts that has been cut off and thrown out and make a dangsite better man than any of all your folks." Balaam's feelings were hurt and he walked out.

Don Blue appeared at the Vass Cotton Show wearing a rayon necktie, and some of the folks were disposed to question his choice of apparel until it was discovered that the higher grades of rayon are made of cotton linters and lint, and then it was realized that he was strictly in line, for he was emphasizing another outlet for cotton products. It looks as if the near future will see a lot of cotton turned over to the rayon mills for manufacture into that finer textile, and that rayon and cotton are likely to go hand in hand as products of the farm and material for clothing. It is even predicted that the en-

tire cotton plant, lint, stalk, leaf and all may some day go to the rayon mill for a supply for the more delicate yarns, for it is only the high quality of yarns that use the cotton fibers.

The farmer is asking if the weather man proposes to serve the same kind of a trick he did last year. The ground is getting seriously dry and the crops are suffering.

The cold nights since the tobacco crop has been set in the field have been favorable to cut worms, which have done a lot of damage in the tobacco fields. Evidently the worms think it is chewing tobacco instead of smoking.

Suppose you are a summer tourist, on a clear day, driving carefully, at moderate speed, in a good car, on a good road.

Let us say under those favorable circumstances your chances of being killed or injured that day are 1 in 1,000.

Did you ever stop to think how your actions as a driver affect those "odds"?

The minute you cut out of the line of traffic and weave in and out, statisticians say your chances of accident are multiplied by 50—you then have 50 chances in 1000 of being involved in an accident—you have increased the personal accident hazard 5000 percent.

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Driving over 40 miles per hours, 2,500 percent.

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Passing another car going up hill, 1000 percent.

Failure to signal, 500 percent.

"Uncle Sam will spend \$415,000,000 on federal building projects and there is in realty available a total of \$504,000,000," declared John W. Philp, fourth assistant postmaster general, at the meeting of postmaster in Charlotte Monday.

"Of this amount, \$6,830,000 will be spent in North Carolina," said he, adding that 15 projects have already been appropriated for and have been completed or are in some stage of completion.

Fourteen places are allocated to be appropriated for in some subsequent session of congress, he said. This list includes Southern Pines.

Safety Glass

Ford cars are now equipped with safety glass in all doors and windows at a small extra charge

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