

**THE DUNN DISPATCH**

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President indications are that we have practically lost one year's work. And it is about time that we came reconciled to this fact, hitch up our gaiters and start to work for the future well being of our community and ourselves. We are not going to remedy matters by moping and carrying a long face, waiting for something to turn up that will get back the profits we have wasted or lost. There is no prospect of help from the federal government whose officers are twist the devil and the deep blue and seem determined to continue in that position—yielding neither to Neptune or Nephelios.

Our officials would gladly lend a hand to the suffering farmer, manufacturer and merchant if it were not for the fact that there are some millions of consumers who do not come in this classification and who will punish any effort to aid producers in holding prices at the old high level. We have all had our kick at the high cost-of-living, forgetting that through the high cost of things folk were permitted to pay big prices for the things we produce. The western grain grower, who bought our cotton, had to have a good price for his stuff or he could not pay a good price for ours. Now that we cannot pay big prices for his stuff, he, too, is suffering as we are; and, like us, he has been given to breathing maledictions upon the heads of the imaginary figures to whom we charge the present depression.

However, the Western farmer is getting down to work while he can. We will do well to follow his example. There are thousands of fertile acres around this part of the country that will yield wheat in quantities to supply the whole of North Carolina next year. Now is a good time to turn that land over and begin sowing. Flour from this wheat will not be a white and snowy as that bleached in the mills of Minneapolis and other flour centers, but it will be just as palatable and much more nutritious. We will save the big charges for freight, too, if we grow the wheat at home.

Along with the wheat we had better put in a few acres of oats, because there wasn't nearly enough corn grown this year to feed the stock on farms around Dunn. Oats will save us a big bill if we grow them through the coming spring.

In addition to the wheat and oats we should be well to turn a few hogs into that meadow and marsh along the stream and

crocks. It will cost practically nothing to feed them and they will help us to save much of that money that we hope to make from next year's cotton crop.

And we do not see why we should devote any too much time to cotton next year. There is going to be a big surplus carried over from this year, because few people are buying cotton goods and the mills are stocked with enough finished product to last them many months even if the public starts an active buying campaign at once.

Don't forget the potatoes, beans, fruits and all that sort of thing when you start planning to come out of the hole. Remember that we must live at home hereafter, if we are to prevent the coming of another such season as this. As long as the smoke house and the pantry and the potato hill are full of things for the family to eat, there isn't anybody who can take our cotton away from us until we are ready to sell for the price we should get.

Some of our thrifty farmers are getting a start on the others by spending their idle hours in the woods with the axe and the saw. They are clearing new ground and helping the town folk to save money on fuel at the same time. Every day sees many farmers here with good oak or pine wood and good fat lightwood. Fairly good prices are being paid despite the fact that coal is plentiful and some cheaper than it was earlier in the season. Some, however, lose considerable time through peddling the stuff about the streets. They would do better to get orders for the wood before they bring it to town. They might take this matter up with the Chamber of Commerce. Secretary Riddle will be glad to aid them. Those who want wood should communicate with him. Those who have it for sale can do the same thing.

There is little reason for Dunn to burn coal at all. We are in paying big freight rates on a fuel to be found a thousand miles away when there is so much that is more satisfactory all around us. There is enough wood in the forests around Dunn to keep the whole county supplied for many years. Heretofore we have been too busy gathering and spending profits from easier vocations to pay any attention to this source of wealth. Now when we are not quite so well equipped with money, we might tap it and find that we are not so badly off after all.

A meeting called by the Chamber of Commerce to consider indorsement of Marion Butler, former Senator, for the office of Secretary of Agriculture in the Harding Cabinet, was rained out last Wednesday night. And it's just as well. We have no objection to the business men of Dunn indorsing the able former Senator. We have great faith in his ability and are confident that the new President would have to go a long way before finding a man better fitted for the job. But the Chamber of Commerce has no business touching anything concerning politics. It has some Republican members who are among the best citizens of Dunn. It also has a large number of good old-time Democrats who would ob-

be sure to follow the meeting. The action would leave rare spots that many worthy actions by the body would not heal.

Three little girls—one a cripple—will go without a visit from Santa Claus this year unless some of us come to their aid. Their case is the first brought to our attention since last week. Their daddy is a good, hard-working tenant farmer who is laboring under the triple burden of supporting a large family, contending with ill-health and remaining cheerful under the present price of cotton. He cannot carry much cheese to his little folk this Christmas. Some of us are better situated. Who will be the first to offer a five-spot for the aid of this case?

To all men: Greetings. Be it known by these presents that we have this day appointed Ben O. Townsend, Ellis Goldstein, Rev. Father Watkins, Rev. A. R. McQueen and William H. Newberry as a committee to investigate cases of need we report and

to take charge of all funds contributed for the relief and cheer of white and colored children in the Dunn District during the Christmas season. Cases that do not come under our observation should be reported to this committee. All needy cases that come to your attention should be reported either to the committee or to us.

This committee will confer immediately with Secretary T. L. Riddle of the Chamber of Commerce, ex-officio member, and arrange details of a campaign that will leave no home cheerless on Christmas morning.

Unfortunately for those who desire to help the needy this year, very few of those who need help most ever read a newspaper. For that reason we have no way of reaching them through the Dispatch unless our better situated subscribers report their condition to us. We ask all of you to make an effort and give us all the help you can in the matter. Thank you.

Members of the Woman's Club are meeting this afternoon in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce to listen to a lecture of "Citizenship" by

Robert L. Godwin. This is the first of a series of such lectures that the women have planned for the coming months. There is considerable interest being manifested and it is certain that the "citizenesses" are determined to know all about the new duties that have fallen to their lot since they were extended the privilege of the ballot.

# SANTA CLAUS

## IS ON HIS WAY !!

**Make Christmas Merry**

**Let Us Help You !**

Out of the North with a joyous Sound  
 Santa has started, Southward bound;  
 Treasurers piled high in his well-worn sleigh,  
 Making glad hearts for the Christmas Day.

**TOILET REQUISITES FOR THE MEN**  
 Our store is brimming over with just these sort of things.  
 You can make no mistake in a selection here. We'll help you to make one that we know will be to his liking.

**CANDIES — PURE, FRESH DELICIOUS**  
 Christmas Candy is as much a part of the festive occasion as the Christmas Tree.  
 Here you will find a big assortment of regular and Novelty boxes, bon bon baskets, delicious, wholesome candies for the little ones.

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 We handle the best brands and can fill your Christmas orders promptly and to your entire satisfaction.

**CHRISTMAS STATIONERY— TO HER LIKING—**  
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 Stationery that is correct, dignified and fashionable.  
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 Come in at once and make your selections.

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| Rockers     | Forks           | Bicycle     | Hardware                |
| Couches     | Spoons          | Velocipedes | Musical Instruments and |
| Rugs        | Community Plate | Tools       | Furniture               |
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