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Not Without Security

Several days ago the Dispatch published an interview given Josephus Daniels to the Washington correspondent of his newspaper in which the former Secretary of the Navy stated that it was easy for farmers to get money from the Federal government through the local banks and advised all who were not able to do so to communicate with A. W. MeLean, of the Finance Corporation.

It develops that banks of the Dunn District have been doing all they could do for the farmer. Wherever a distressed farmer has called for help, it has been given to him if he was able or willing to give to the bank that degree of security and safety demanded by the government.

In many instances farmers who own considerable cotton have asked for assistance. It so happens that the government is willing to take cotton warehouse receipts as security for loans but the farmers so situated have not been willing to hypothecate such an asset, desiring to hold the cotton for better prices and ready cash.

The government is no more willing to lend money without ample security than are the banks. It has plenty of money to lend and will lend it gladly upon good and acceptable security.

It isn't, however, a benevolent institution aiming solely to give money to those who are not willing to protect it in a way it determines they shall.

University To Help

The University of N. C. has instituted a course through which it will attempt to determine the value of investments. That is good. Should it have been instituted sooner, citizens of the State would have had an opportunity to save millions of dollars through learning of the worthless nature of the many wildcat stock schemes put before them when they had too much money.

The course will be an excellent supplement to the knowledge already gained through experience. But it will be of much greater value in that it will teach that there are some investments worth while. However good an investment might be now, there would be few in this part of North Carolina who would risk a nickel on it. Old Professor Experience has been on the job. He has collected more than a million dollars in the four counties around Dunn, but we do not begrudge him the sum. The lesson he has taught will not be forgotten by this generation.

APPLE SAUCE

Spring is on the wing and due to strike Dunn soon. The best of all harbingers of the gladdest season when all nature forgets its worries and turns to love making has been heard. The Blue Bird is sounding his call to his mate. He has never failed to forecast the coming of spring. When the Blue Bird calls, spring comes. A traveler motoring into town yesterday morning saw one of the little fellows in the road between here and Benson. Get ready for spring gardens.

Cape Fear, Black and Neuse rivers and Mingo are rising out of bounds and flood warnings are being issued by the weather bureau. Close to town Black River and Mingo are flooding over the dams at the crossings and there is little hope for early recession. A well-known commodity for which the Dunn District is famous is going upward in price as a result, causing a paradox—a dry spell while the streams are raging.

"Dunson" is out!

"Dunson" is out! Dunson is the magazine of the Dunn High Schools issued under the auspices of the Senior-Junior classes of the school. It is far from bad and has in it many stories and articles that stamp their authors as thorough. The magazine is of 24 pages, all of which are filled with good, readable matter. The price is 10 cents per copy, with an addition of 5 cents for copies to be mailed. Worth Wade is editor-in-chief, Earl Westbrook business manager, Miss Ruth Young social editor, Raymond Cromwell athletic editor, and Miss Louise Priddy, Miss Helen Vaughn, Edgar Carr and Miss Maggie Butler associate editors. The magazine will be issued twice a year.

It might be remembered by some of our elderly readers that once upon a time we owned an alleged automobile known as "Flivver." That car was all that an automobile should be, although it "runk us and brung us" to and from many places we should not have visited. Of course, you remember it. Well Flivver II is on the job, albeit we are not its master, William "Shifty" Jackson, director of the Sanitary Dairy, is owner of Flivver Two. Wesley Thompson wished it upon him last week. It is shy two running boards, four fenders, one top, diverse cushions and other non-essentials, but runs like huck whenever its innards are tickled. Bill carries two anvils, three sledge hammers, two knitting needles and a pair of scissors along with him all the time to guard against those emergencies which are bound to emerge at times. Its sweet looking 17' ole boat—but he'd better watch Handy—the fellow who sweeps the streets.

No, ladies and gentlemen, she who drove Coast Line train No. 80 through the village yesterday was not Princess Paprika Patricia Pusillanious. Not at all, not at all. She merely was the daughter of our war millionaires, who, bound from the sun kist sands of Florida, ingratiated herself with the genial engine driver and did persuade him to let her chauffeur the big machine through Dunn. Sunday's New York papers will probably tell us of the daring of this young woman, but really the regular engineer was on the job to see that she did nothing that would endanger the train. She only rested her hand on the throttle while the big fellow did the driving.

BASKETBALL OR ROUGH STUFF—WHICH, DUNN?

Dunn Quint Refused to Play Locals Unless They Could Ring In Man Against Boys.

Harnett County News.

Admitting that they were retaliating for what they please to call "rough stuff" pulled on them in a former game, the Dunn quint basketball team depose thasly in the Dunn Dispatch:

"Although clothed in the armor of gridiron gladiators, Lillington's basketball tomers refused to play the Dunn quint when it appeared on the countyseat court yesterday afternoon for the second clash of the season between the two teams. As a result the game for forfeited to Dunn 2-0. The Lillington Lillies protested against the playing of one of the Dunn high school students, questioning his eligibility. When the Dunn fellows insisted that they play the Lillies refused to meet them. There was some bad feeling before that, however. The countyseat boys were out for Dunn's blood. They contended that they had been roughly treated in their game here several days ago, forgetting that they had knocked out three of Dunn's fellows before the locals started retaliating. They were prepared for rough stuff, according to professor Dunn, who coaches the Dunn quint, if the game had been played yesterday—they had all the regalia of footballers."

Athletics at the Lillington High School, though in the embryonic stage, are undoubtedly going to be run in accordance with the well established rule of playing what is commonly known in the schools as bona fide students. Lillington High School had its first opportunity to establish this fact in so far as it is concerned when the Dunn High School sent its basketball quint over to play Lillington last week, and indeed made its initial step in this direction a very telling and effective one. With the first half of the game over and the score standing about 18 to 5 in favor of the Lillington quint, the Dunn management, or coach, undertook to make some substitutions which the Lillington management objected to on the ground that one of the players whom Dunn proposed to put in was a man—not a boy—who has been long since graduated from high school and has been a bona fide student of Trinity College. The objection was made, not because the Lillington quint was afraid to play with this new substitution, but because the Lillington authorities did not consider the man proposed to be substituted a bona fide high school student. No one who has been graduated from high school attended college would be considered a bona fide student of a high school unless it was shown that the high school made a serious mistake in graduating him in the first instance and only discovered the fact after being notified by the college authorities; and this we know was not the case here. However, our high school has set a precedent in this county in this respect that the other schools might well follow. It is the one way in which our colleges have eliminated "ringers" from their athletic teams, and by thus having done so have established a far higher regard for athletics than has heretofore been held by the general public and alumni of the various institutions. We take our hats off to the Lillington management. N. McK. S.

It would seem now in keeping with the fitness of things if Professor Dunn had coached his boys to protest against "rough stuff" instead of ringing in a roughneck for purposes of retaliation.

Know North Carolina

North Carolina in 1921 stands with the leaders agriculturally, with a rank of fourth in the 22 leading crops, and fifth in the value of all crops." Says Statistician Frank Parker.

"With a total value of \$28,900,000 for the field crops North Carolina has only Texas, Illinois, and Iowa surpassing her, while in the aggregate value of all crops we surpass Iowa, but let California and New York ahead. The fruit crops are responsible for these states getting up front.

"North Carolina produced last year more than four per cent of the value of all crops in the United States, yet she has only 1.6 per cent of the improved area of the Union."

Table with crop values for 1921: Cotton \$74,212,000, Tobacco \$7,600,000, Corn \$8,415,000, Hay \$14,077,000, Sweet potatoes \$9,992,000, Irish potatoes \$5,788,000, Soy Beans \$4,169,000, Sorghum \$2,364,000, Oats \$2,142,000, Cowpeas \$1,983,000, Peaches \$1,513,000, Apples \$1,482,000

No wonder Commissioner W. A. Graham on contemplating this gratifying result declares: North Carolina is in the same position as the young negro who thought the Ku Klux were after him and was fleeing from them. In his flight he met Uncle Ephraim and said, while still gasping for breath, Uncle Ephraim, the Ku Klux are after me! What shall I do Uncle Ephraim said, You are doing all right; just keep on doing it!—Clarence Fox.

Home Ownership Best

Aside from the security which the home owner enjoys, the possession of his own home should be the ambition of every man. Naturally the first step is the most difficult, for the purchase of a home means a cash payment that is usually well beyond the \$1000 mark. Once that hurdle is taken, however, the other payments are easy for they should not exceed, at the outside, \$75 a month on the kind of a home the average man can afford. When the current business depression, with its deplorable unemployment situation goes by the boards, I believe many more Americans will see the wisdom of owning their own homes and thus increasing the percentage of our people who are free from the clutches of the landlord.—Washington Post.

MOOVER OFFERED JOB OF \$150,000 A YEAR

Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—An offer of \$150,000 a year for five years to Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover to become director of the proposed aquicentennial exposition in Philadelphia in 1926 has been made by Edward Bok, it was announced today.

WILD DUCKS FIND HAVEN IN CANADA

James Keener Writes Interesting Letter Concerning Life Of Migratory Birds.

New Bern, Feb. 18.—A large banding a number of voices from the scrip tures and the name of James M. Keener, Kingsville, Ontario, found tied to the leg of a wild duck killed recently by Clyde Kennor, of Trenton, Jones county, near here, has brought to light the existence of a haven for wild fowl on the north shore of Lake Erie to which the feathered tribes in huge numbers. Keener wrote Miner advising him of the finding of the tag.

The letter in an answering letter stated that deliweak ETAOKNNUU stated that wild ducks and geese stop at his farm during the course of their migratory journeys and that he and the birds are the best of friends. He said he had built a pond for the feathered tourists and that he feeds them 500 bushels of corn each year during their two months' stay at his place.

Tags From 23 States

Mr. Miner's letter, in part, follows: "Thank you for having reported finding the tag. I now have tags returned to me off wild geese and ducks from North Carolina to Hudson Bay. In several instances the tags have been found by Indians in the Far North after shooting the birds and they have taken them to Hudson Bay agents, who forwarded them to me.

"I have had tags returned from 23 different States and provinces, the farthest south being Guydan, La., and the farthest west being Englefield, Saskatchewan.

"I try to tag all the birds that spend some time at my place. Forty per cent of those that I tag in the fall return to me in the following spring. Others stay here all the time, in spite of the fact that the weather grows very cold. As I am writing you there are about 75 wild geese and 40 wild ducks feeding within 50 feet of me. They are keeping a small hole open in the pond and they are depending on me for food.

"It took me several years to get the birds coming. At last, however, a small bunch came and they apparently told others, until their little flock grew into a small cloud. In fact, I have seen the wild geese rise up so thick that you could scarcely see through them, and their honking could be heard over a mile away.

"During the last six or seven years I have fed them in the months of March and April 500 bushels of corn. When the birds stop off here they seem to leave all fear behind them.

Even strange birds, visiting my place for the first time let me come within a few feet of them. They evidently have been told by the old timers that there is no danger.

"It is a great sight to see all these birds together. People for miles around have heard of what I am doing and thousands have come to see the sight. Even these strangers can come within forty or fifty feet of the wild birds without causing them any fright. Not a single bird has ever been shot on my premises and the feathered tourists seem to know that when they stop off here they are on neutral ground.

Try to Reach Safety Zone

"Of course, this is not so with regard to the surrounding territory, over which I have no jurisdiction. I have seen men shoot and wound a duck or a goose and I have seen the bird make a desperate effort to reach my place. Sometimes they succeed and permit me to doctor them. At other times they fall to the ground before they can reach the safety zone.

"I am opposed to deliberate slaughter of ducks and geese just for the sake of shooting them. We've got to be careful and call a halt to this destruction, for unless we are careful it won't be many years before geese and ducks are hard to find. I am trying my best to give the birds what protection I can. My system of tagging them is part of this plan. I have received letters from many hunters who have written me that they uphold me in my work.

"There is always fascination in over-coming prejudice and dislike. Wild birds, of course, consider all men to be their natural enemies. It has been mighty hard for me to convince them that I am their friend. However, that conviction now seems to be spreading among them rapidly. Hundreds of new birds come here every year. I can always tell when a strange bird arrives. It seems very shy. Not so with the old timers, however. He comes sailing in as fast as he can, honking a welcome and proceeds to stuff himself on corn.

"I have one mallard duck, which TWO—DERKS ... hag. ... was hatched and raised by a domestic fowl in 1912. She has now migrated and returned to me each spring and has raised four families in five summers—two eights and two nines.

"My friend, to see my pets return to me year after year for food and protection after they have evidently shied around and outwitted thousands of hunters who hid in ambush for them, and to see wild geese come home bleeding and with legs broken, makes me feel that my work is really worth while."

DR. B. F. BUTLER, Physician, Cooper N. C.

FOUR BILLION GAIN IN TAXES ON INCOME

Five Million Individual Income Tax Returns Made in Year 1919

Washington, Feb. 19.—Taxable incomes of individuals returned to the government for the calendar year 1919 showed an increase of nearly \$4,000,000,000 as compared with 1918, according to statistics issued tonight by the internal revenue bureau.

For the year 1919 there were 5,332,730 individual returns filed for a total income of \$19,839,000,000 as against 4,425,114 returns for a total of \$15,244,000,000 for the previous year. The tax collected on the 1919 returns amounted to \$1,270,000,000 which was an increase of \$141,948,000 over the year 1918.

Individual returns of incomes of \$1,000,000 and over totaled 65 for 1919 compared with 67 in 1918, while for 1919 there were 5 returns filed for aggregating \$3,158,000,000.

income of \$5,000,000,000 and over. For 1919 there were 6 personal returns of income from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000; seven of income from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000; 13 from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000; 34 from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 and 60 from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000.

The average net income reported for 1919 was \$3,724.05 the average amount of tax, \$239.08 and the average tax, 4.39 per cent. The number of joint returns of husbands and wives for 1917 was 2,068,597 and the number of wives making separate returns from their husbands was 54,354.

The number of corporation income tax returns, other than personal service corporations, for 1919 was 320,119 of which 202,834 reported net income amounting to \$9,411,000,000 with a total tax of \$2,175,000,000 compared with the 1918 figures of 317,379 corporations filing returns of which 202,061 reported a total net income of \$8,361,000,000 and a tax aggregating \$2,158,000,000.

Advertisement for THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Dunn, North Carolina. Includes an image of the bank building and the text: 'Are You Keeping up Your Account? Many people start an account and let it go at that. It's a good thing to make that start at the First National Bank, but unless you keep it up it will make no more abiding impression upon your success than a shadow on a field of corn. If you bank money while you earn it, you will have money when you can't earn it.'

Advertisement for 'The Farmers' Friend' by Dunn Package House. Offers include: ONE CARLOAD OF VANCO PREPARED FLOUR (At. per barrel \$7.75, At. per half barrel \$3.90, At. per quarter barrel \$1.98, At. per eighth barrel \$1.00), NONE BETTER ANYWHERE (Pilot Knob Coffee at. per lb. 25c, 5 pounds of Argo Starch for 50c), Full line heavy and fancy groceries, including all kinds of canned goods—all at prices lower than you are accustomed to paying. H. M. PITTMAN, Manager.

Advertisement for Farm Implements by Butler Brothers. Features 'When Cotton Seed Was Dumped in Creeks' and 'Avery "Shawnee Jr." Will Pay for Itself'. Includes an image of a tractor and lists various implements like plows, harrows, and cultivators. Text: 'B. F. Avery & Sons Plows, Cutaway Harrows, Stalk Cutters, Fertilizer Distributors, Planters, One Horse Cultivators, Two-Horse Cultivators, Spring-Tooth Harrows, Drag Harrows, Dixie and Stonewall Plows, GANT DISTRIBUTOR A Large Quantity Offered Below Cost FULL LINE HARDWARE AND FURNITURE'.