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 Communications upon live topics are invited, but under all circumstances the sender of such communications must furnish us with his name. It is not necessary that the same be published, but we insist that it be given as an evidence of good faith.
 Short accounts of weddings, entertainments, club meetings, etc., are invited.

March is living up to its reputation of being the windy month.

If you failed to file your income tax return Gilliam'll get you.

If knocking is the only use you have for your tongue, don't use it.

This is the 76th day of the year 1923 and Dunn is yet in need of a new hotel.

Dunn is one town that is surrounded on all sides by good farming lands. We'd call that a real asset.

Those who have filed their income tax returns can now rest in peace for a spell, at least until the time to pay rolls' round.

Are you doing your part to give Dunn the Coue treatment? Anyway, "day by day in every way, the town is getting better and better."

We don't feel slighted in the least when the weather works passes us up in dealing out the kind of weather that struck several States Sunday.

You'll admit that was a hostile wish the disabled soldier at Oteen made upon the bell woevil generation—a wish that they one and all contract tuberculosis.

Soon after two Frenchmen were killed by the Germans eight Germans were killed by the French. That's one way of meeting hostilities with hostilities. The French apparently have the upper hand in the Esh.

And now to develop that the new North Carolina prohibition law makes the buyer as guilty as the seller. We wonder if the seller will be as reluctant to tell the court who buys as the buyer has been to tell who sold.

FIRE PREVENTION

No doubt the act of the county commissioners of Harnett county in appropriating \$300 to be used in an effort to prevent loss from forest fires will meet the approval of the citizens generally. This amount is to be supplemented by an additional \$300 from the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey, making a total of \$600 available for this purpose. The loss in this county from forest fires during the past four months is said to be at least \$100,000. If the appropriation serves to prevent only one forest fire it will be money well spent.

Most forest fires are started by carelessness upon the part of somebody. It will be a part of the duty of the wardens appointed to secure evidence that will convict the starter of forest fires. Severe penalties will be imposed upon any convicted of carelessly starting a forest fire and this should tend to make people more careful.

In order to get the best results from the movement it will be necessary for the public to co-operate with the wardens and it is to be hoped they will receive the hearty co-operation of the citizens of the county.

KEEP THE TOWN CLEAN

A clean and sanitary town is just as desirable as a clean and sanitary home. Yet there are people who apparently fail to realize that this is true. The cleanliness of a town makes a better impression upon the visitor than the cleanliness of the homes in the town. Aside from the benefits to be derived by the citizens, keeping a town or city clean and sanitary is one thing that has a tendency to draw new-comers.

Dunn is known as one of "the best kept" towns in the State and the citizens should co-operate with W. B. Bee, superintendent of streets, in keeping it such. The time for spring cleaning is here and not only the homes, but the premises about the houses and vacant lots, should be made clean. Will you do your share to make Dunn a more beautiful and sanitary town in which to live?

HARNETT COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS

A copy of the initial number of the Harnett County School News, an 8-page, five-column paper, devoted to the interest of the schools of the county, has reached The Dispatch of-

See. The paper was printed in L.H. Hington and is to be published occasionally by the educational and public welfare forces of the county. Theo. W. Sprinkle is editor-in-chief, Miss Mame F. Camp, business manager, and E. P. Gentry, managing editor, with the following as associate editors: B. D. Huan, L. E. Campbell, J. Paul Glick, W. M. Pearson; Misses Lillian Black, Regina Egerton, Annie Kenyon and Mary W. Pipkin. The first issue carries much interesting information relative to the work being done in the schools of the county, besides other valuable information about Harnett county. The school paper has a fertile field for service.

RELIEF IS PROMISED

The following letter received today by F. Grover Britt, secretary of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce, will be of interest to Dispatch readers:

"Mr. F. Grover Britt, Secretary, "The Dunn Chamber of Commerce, Dunn, N. C.

"Dear Sir: "I thank you very much for your favor of March 10th. I regret that the maintenance of roads leading out from Dunn is not up to the high standard of the fourth district. The best way to improve this situation is for public-spirited citizens, like yourself, to write to the highway officials.

"As road commissioner of the fourth district I have very little to do with the maintenance of roads. This is almost entirely in the hands of Mr. Frank Page, chairman State highway commission, and Mr. F. E. Schnepfe, district engineer, Durham, N. C. As a matter of courtesy, however, I will take pleasure in making a careful investigation of the matter mentioned in your letter. All officials of the Highway Commission absolutely insist upon first-class maintenance of roads. I have received several communications from this section along the same line mentioned by you, and you can assure your board of directors that in a few days the maintenance of roads leading out from Dunn will be brought up to the high standard of the fourth district.

"Yours truly,
 "JOHN SPRUNT HILL,
 "Commissioner Fourth District.

SHOULD PLANT A GARDEN

Every family in Dunn should strive to have a home-garden this year. Some will say that they can buy vegetables cheaper than they can grow them. Even if this were true, it is better to have the vegetables at home than to be dependent upon somebody else for them. When you have vegetables in your own garden you can select the ones you want when you want it. Then, too, the vegetables are fresh and better for yourself and family. As to cultivating the garden, the man who stays cooped up in an office or store needs just the

exercise required to keep down the grass during the hot summer days. If you haven't planted a garden, plant one.

CATTLE SHOULD BE TESTED

The county commissioners will be asked at their next meeting to make an appropriation for giving all the cattle in the county a tuberculin test. The Dispatch believes that the appropriation should be made. It has been proven that tuberculosis is transmissible to the person who drinks the milk from the infected cow, and more especially to children. The lives of whole families are endangered when the family cow is infected with tuberculosis. The tuberculin test is the only method of detecting tuberculosis in cattle, and this test is both reliable and harmless.

Some of the benefits to be derived from the county-wide tuberculin test of cattle are: Protection of public health, protection of healthy cattle, increased value of tested cattle, development of cattle industry, protection of financial loss to owners and the establishment of a tuberculosis-free county.

The following editorial which appeared in The Fayetteville Observer some months ago gives some idea of the results of the test in Cumberland county:

"Observer readers doubtless noted with interest the story in yesterday's paper of the killing of a tuberculous cow at Falem, in this county. The lungs, liver and other parts of the slain animal were exhibited at the Observer's office, and the plainly apparent ravages of the disease were fearful to behold. It is fortunate indeed, that the owner of the cow had no other cattle, else they too would have been infected. And now comes the question—what disastrous effect is the milk of this cow going to have on the four children who have been drinking it? Already one child is afflicted, has never been able to walk, though more than three and a half years old, while a physician has pronounced its symptoms as tubercular ones. Now that the child will cease drinking the milk, will it improve and finally become normal? The chances are that it will not."

If only one life was saved in Harnett county as a result of the tests, who would deny that the appropriation asked for was not a worthy one?

Busy Day in Local Recorder's Court

The "airing" of a charge of prostitution and trespass against two Dunn citizens, both of whom were officers at the time of the alleged law violation, was the chief attraction in the local recorder's court yesterday. The matter was brought before the court by Recorder Godwin after the State had put on 16 witnesses. The defense did not offer any evidence and none of the State's witnesses were cross-examined by the defense. According

to the evidence, the defendants were charged with being in company with two negro women at Grove church, near Dunn, on the night of February 10, last. However, the testimony of the several witnesses examined was not sufficient evidence to convict.

A negro, known to his comrades as "Hot Shot," was sentenced to serve 8 months on the county roads on the charge of larceny. The negro is a member of the carnival troupe playing here, and was found guilty of stealing a suit and overcoat from a guest at Young's hotel. The clothing was found in the room occupied by the negro at the Graham negro hotel. He was first sentenced to serve 12 months on the roads, but the sentence was reduced when he turned State's evidence against another negro man and two negro women, charged along with himself, with occupying a room at the Graham hotel for immoral purposes. These were let off by paying the cost. The two women are resting in the local lock-up, having so far been unable to raise the cost.

The proprietors of the hotel were also given a hearing on the charge of renting the room to the four negroes for immoral purposes. According to the evidence, the negroes, two men and two women, were assigned to the same room by the proprietors because of the crowded condition at the hotel. They were taxed with the cost and given a lecture by Recorder Godwin.

Another negro woman was fined \$10 on the charge of trespass.

Court was in session throughout the day and the room was crowded to overflowing with witnesses and spectators.

Spelling Bee To Be At Opera House Tonight

Some of Dunn's Best Spellers Will Line Up For The Occasion

There will be a spelling bee at the opera house tonight at 8 o'clock. A musical program will also be rendered.

The Great Delinora



Palmsist—Crystal Gazer

Positively the last week in Dunn. At home during the day and at the Carnival during the evenings.

ed during the evening by some of Dunn's best talent. The proceeds will go to the missionary society of the Methodist church. Following is a list of those who will participate in the spelling:

H. L. Godwin, G. K. Grantham, O. P. Shell, D. L. Butts, E. F. Young, G. I. Cannady, C. L. Wilson, W. F. Wade, W. S. Jackson, V. L. Stephens, Charlie Baker, R. M. Pearson, J. C. Clifford, Judd Jones, W. K. Howard, E. Ponce, Mr. Pridgea, E. T. Parker, Capt. Reams, Z. V. Snipes.

Mrs. O. P. Shell, Mrs. W. S. Snipes, Mrs. W. E. Coltrane, Mrs. Fred Baggett, Mrs. I. M. Reams, Mrs. Herbert Taylor, Mrs. Ralph Wade, Mrs. P. A. Stewart, Mrs. Jas. Farthing, Mrs. J. F. Wilson, Misses Marie Torrington, Mattie Henderson, Rachel Clifton, Lillian Ramsour, Janie Williams, Louise Williams, Ruth Taylor.

MR. MALCOLM BLACK DIED WEDNESDAY

Malcolm Black, aged about 72 years, died Wednesday at the home of his son, M. R. Black, with whom he lived, near Duke. Deceased had been ill for six years, suffering from paralysis, which resulted in his death. His third wife and several children survive. He was a brother of H. A. Black of Dunn.

The funeral was conducted from Long Branch Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment was made in the family burying ground.

AT GOSPEL TABERNACLE

The following program will be rendered by the Young People's Missionary Society at the Gospel Tabernacle church next Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Topic: Five Laws Governing Effectual Prayer.
 Song.
 Prayer.
 Introductory—Mary Lee.
 Talk—The Law of Definiteness—

David Cashwell.
 Talk—The Law of Desire—Nellie Summerlin.
 Solo—Margaret Sugg.
 Talk—The Law of Time—Mary Belle Bass.
 Talk—The Law of Continuance—Mable Hodges.
 Poem—Hazel Hinson.
 Talk—The Law of Expectation—Algia Smith.
 Mary Lee—Group Captain.

"Exchanged two carloads of cotton seed for guano and received \$4.50 per ton more than the farmers were offered locally," reports County Agent Johnston of Washington County.

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