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A business that isn't worth advertising, isn't worth staying with.

Insurance dancers now claim to have "endured" for 150 hours, though we don't believe it. Do you?

Wilson continues to hold the distinction of being the largest leaf tobacco market in the world. Tobacco made in Wilson.

Early in the year we heard a prophecy that this would be a year of many storms. The prophecy is being fulfilled at an alarming rate.

The responsibility for the recent outrage in Robeson county has been placed upon the late General Assembly of North Carolina. In our opinion, it has been rightly placed.

W. B. Keshah, editor of The Whiteville News-Reporter, appears to be just as sure that Dan Noble is guilty of murder as the Raleigh preacher is sure that he is not. So, there's that for the consideration of the governor.

Joseph William keeps 'em guessing. Some months ago he was charged with landing his old in electing an alleged K. Klux candidate to office. Now he puts himself on record as being decidedly opposed to the mask and gown.

The old town of Fayetteville may have slept in the past, but it's wide-awake now. Its citizens have recently subscribed more than a quarter-million dollars to build a modern hotel, and in so doing have set an example for Dunn.

The fact that more than \$12,000 were invested in Government Savings Certificates by persons of the Dunn postoffice during the first quarter of the present year speaks well for the town and surrounding territory. It shows at least two things. One, that there is money hereabouts, and second, that the folks are saving some of it, at least.

This amount which has been wisely invested by the people of the town and community during the year, brings to mind the hundreds of thousands of dollars that have been lost during the past five years in false stocks. Had that money been invested in Government securities, not only would the Government have been helped, but the money would be safe and drawing interest. However, too much with which so many people parted for false stocks is gone forever.

When you have money to invest, the Government offers you a channel for investment that cannot be beat, and at the same time there is no chance to lose. Not so with the glib-tongued schemes and propositions offered by slick-tongued stock salesmen.

SHOULD TEST CATTLE

Do you know that the cow which gives the milk you and your children drink is free from tuberculosis? Would you like to know? There is only one way of finding out. That is to have the cow tested. The board of commissioners of Harnett county will be asked at their meeting next Monday to make an appropriation of around \$2,000 to have all the cattle in the county given the tuberculin test. One-half the expense of these county-wide tests is borne by the State and Federal governments.

If you are interested in having all the cattle in Harnett county tested, then make it known to the county commissioners at their meeting Monday. The cattle in practically all the counties surrounding Harnett have already been tested and as a result the citizens of these counties are freed from any danger of contracting tuberculosis from the milk they use. One life saved as a result of a test of the cattle in the county would be worth many times the cost. Then there is the consolation of knowing that your own life and that of your family is not endangered when the cattle has been given the tuberculin test.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT

Public sentiment will get results when all else fails. We note that an investigation, not only of the State prison, but the entire prison system of the State, is to be made. At one time it appeared that there was to be

no investigation of the charges brought by Dudding and others, but public sentiment demanded it, and will get it. In this connection it might be stated that public sentiment will rid a community, a county, a State or a nation of any evil that may exist. The great trouble with the enforcement of the prohibition laws is not that the laws are wrong, but that too many people lend their support to the blockaders. When public sentiment becomes strong enough, the moonshiners and blockaders will have to go. But so long as men vote for prohibition and patronize violators of the prohibition laws, just that long will the country be cursed by a class who will take the chance of providing for their customers.

LEST WE FORGET

With the improvement in business conditions, the Federal Reserve bank issues a warning that there is a danger of over-confidence. Can it be that the people have so quickly forgotten the results, many of which are still visible, of the pace they reach ed three years ago? If "good times" return, and there are indications that they are on the way, will they be abased as they were in 1919-20?

The days of prosperity during, and following immediately after the close of the World War, proved what might be termed a curse to many people. They made money and spent it foolishly. When the reaction came in 1921 it found the public generally unprepared. Everybody said they expected the "drop," but not so early or so sudden.

Somebody has charged that the county was "drunk on prosperity." What we would warn against, is another "spree." Don't allow yourself to forget what has happened in the past.

OF INTEREST TO ALL

Some recommend one thing and some another, but there is only one best way to grow cotton under boll weevil conditions. The government has spent millions of dollars in an effort to find that one best method, and it is that method that will be explained at the meeting of farmers and business men to be held in the local opera house tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon. In other words, the method that has proven the most successful in all government tests will be outlined.

Farmers, we are told, are spending money freely for machines and other so-called boll weevil remedies that have not been thoroughly tried out and many of these are worthless, no doubt. The chief purpose of the meeting called for tomorrow by the Dunn Chamber of Commerce is to get the farmers to use the methods that are known to be the best and not to waste their money on fake schemes. It will take unity on the part of the cotton-growers and business men to win the fight against the boll weevil.

The meeting tomorrow is of interest to both farmers and business men alike, and the business men of Dunn should "turn out" to the meeting, thereby showing the farmers that they are interested and are willing to co-operate with them in waging war against the cotton enemy.

THE DUTIES OF A CITIZEN

- 1. To acquaint myself with those fundamental principles embodied in our constitutions and laws which experience has shown are essential to the preservation of our liberties and the promotion of good government, and to defend those principles against all attacks.
2. To inform myself on all public issues, and on the character, record and platform of all candidates for office and to exert actively my influence in favor of men and measures in which I believe.
3. To vote in every election, primary and general, never using my vote for personal or private ends, but only for the public good, placing the welfare of my country above that of my party if the interests of the two should ever conflict.
4. To connect myself with the political party which most nearly represents my views on public questions, and to exert my influence within the party to bring about the nomination of good men for office and the endorsement of measures for the public weal.
5. To have the courage to perform my duties as a citizen regardless of the effect upon me financially or socially, remembering that a cowardly citizen is as useless to his country in time of peace as a cowardly soldier is in time of war.
6. To stand for honest election laws impartially administered.
7. To obey all laws whether I deem them wise or not, and to uphold the officers in the enforcement of the law.
8. To make full and honest returns of all my property and income for taxation.
9. To be ever ready to serve my country in war, and in peace, especially in such inconspicuous capacities as juror and election official.
10. To acquaint myself with the functions of the various departments of my government and to spread the knowledge of the same among my fellow citizens in order that they may enjoy to the fullest extent the advantages offered by the government, and may more fully recognize the

government as a means of service to the people.

11. To encourage good men to enter public service and remain therein by commending the faithful performance of their duties and by refraining from criticism except as is founded on a knowledge of facts.

12. To seek to promote good feeling between all groups of my fellow citizens and to resist as intemperate to public welfare all partisan efforts to excite race, religious, class and sectional prejudice.

13. Not to think alone of what my government can do for me but more about what I can do for it.

14. To inform myself with respect to the problems which confront my country in its foreign relations, and to support policies which safeguard its legitimate interests abroad and which recognize the responsibilities of the United States as a member of international society.—School of Government and Citizenship, College of William and Mary.

ARE YOU FIT?

I believe that no man is really fit to hold a public office, or any other job which depends on public favor or has to do with teaching in any form, if he isn't capable of earning his living in some other way if necessary. That may sound a little strange at first, but I believe that there can be no real freedom of sincerity in any public service unless the man in it is perfectly ready to resign or be fired at any time for their opinions. I can assure them as a writer that I have felt ever so much happier and freer since I realized that if the worst came to the worst I could possibly qualify as a taxicab driver in New York City. Mr. Lippman, in his address to the State Literary and Historical Association.

CYCLONE STRIKES WEST HARNETT CO.

Residence of Needham Vann and Other Buildings Swept Away By Storm

Mention was made in Tuesday's Dispatch of a wind and hail storm which struck the western part of Harnett county Saturday afternoon.

The Harnett County News it is reported that the home of Needham Vann, near Angier, was demolished, as were all the other buildings on the Vann farm. While Vann and other members of his family were in the house at the time, they escaped without injury.

Numerous tobacco barns and other out-houses in the path of the storm were swept away and on the farm of E. M. Curran five tons of fertilizers was dusted to the winds. The storm was narrow in its scope, doing the greatest damage in Neff's Creek and Black River townships.

Nature tries all of us; she is continually hunting our weak points and testing them to breaking, and the strong are subjected to the more and harder tests.

OBITUARY

J. Lawrence Smith, a prominent citizen of Harnett county died at his country home near Linden on Saturday, April 21st. Mr. Smith was in his seventy-eight year, and was the last of his generation of a large and influential family connection. He was the son of William Turner Smith and Mary Campbell Smith, of Smithville, Cumberland county, having been born on his father's plantation on the Cape Fear river, January 28th 1845.

His education interrupted by the Civil War, as a mere boy he joined the army of Northern Virginia, participating in some of the most sanguinary battles of the war, behaving with conspicuous valor. He bore patiently the deprivations after the war, and marked the development of the last years with keenest interest. He was a good citizen, a devoted churchman, having for nearly fifty years been an officer in Sardis Presbyterian church.

He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Winifred Williams of Cumberland county, three sons, William T. Smith and Isaac W. Smith, of Harnett county and J. Lawrence Smith, Jr. of Portsmouth, Va., and four grand children, Guyton and Lawrence Smith, Margaret and Dorothy Smith. His surviving nephews and nieces are T. A. McNeill and Miss Mary G. McNeill of Lumberton.

and Mrs. James M. Bassell of Atlanta.

IN MEMORY OF G. W. WHITTENTON

The sad thought of death and sweetness of heaven was brought near as when our dear Father of heaven with outstretched arms took from our midst the most beloved one of this community. His presence was ever sweet to all those who knew him. His kindness was greater than words can express. His heart must have him pure in spirit and in truth, for he said to his friends that the only dread of his departure was just the sting of death.

There is no one whom could be so greatly missed at home than he. But God gave the life of his dear son and placed him on that beautiful throne that those who follow Him can ever stand by his side where there is no more sorrow or pain to endure.

Brother was dear to us, but on Tuesday afternoon, about 5 o'clock April 24, 1923, the angel of heaven came to his relief, after he had suffered for many years and trod the narrow path that leads to rest in that glorious home on high. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church of which he loved wonderfully. During his last days stay on earth he had services at his home on Sunday where it was more convenient for him to hear the words of God spoken by those whom he loved.

Rev. Dock Johnson and Rev. D. R. Ennish, both Free Will Baptist preachers, conducted the funeral services at his home before leaving for the interment, which was made in the family burying ground at the old home place, about one mile from where he lived. The body was in charge of the esteemed undertaker, Mr. J. L. Hatcher of Dunn. The pallbearers were, Lawyer C. L. Guy, of Dunn, Messrs.

Clyde Grimes, M. L. Stephens, Allen Stewart and Harry Lee, of Coats, Marion Ennish of near Duke. Brother was 61 years, 1 month, 16 days old. His mother, Mary A. Whittenton, now living to mourn her loss, is 84 years old. He is survived by five brothers and one sister as follows: M. Whittenton, of near

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