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No, thanks, we don't care for a drink of whiskey distilled by a blind blind tiger.

"I had no idea that Dunn was such a good town," remarked a recent visitor.

The boll weevil has a habit of doing two things at the same time—destroying cotton and raising the price of the staple.

The person who is always looking for the bad in everything very often overlooks the good. Yet we have some of that type with us.

As the Pinelog correspondent would put it, the time is fast approaching when picking will be the order of the day. Add that to your pleasant thoughts.

Up in Cleveland county a fly has been discovered which is said to feed on boll weevils. If it be true that the fly has cultivated a taste for boll weevil meat we see no reason why any member of that species should go hungry, especially during the summer months.

So far as we have learned the first bale of 1923 cotton sold in the State was marketed in Dunn, which ranks as one of the very best cotton markets in the South. The fact that cotton is coming to market should have a telling effect upon business generally, and it will.

With the favorable seasons this year for growing cotton under boll weevil conditions, it is not likely that a bigger crop will ever again be produced i nthis section than the 1923 crop will prove to be. It would be well to keep this in mind when planning for next year's crop.

The New Era

Charles P. Steinmetz, electrical wizard, says there is no reason why all the necessary work of the world in the not distant future should not be performed in four hours of service per day by the rank and file of the world's producing population. He predicts that most of the world's work will be done electrically and adds that the new era will make it possible for every laborer to take a vacation of five months in every twelve. Surely most of us would like to live in the "new era" of which the wizard is dreaming.

The Country Church

No one class has done more towards the upbuilding of American civilization than the country preacher. We believe the country church has a greater power for doing good than the town or city church. In the average rural district the church s the community meeting place, and there are not so many attractions to draw folks away from the church services. It is the center of community interest and the rural population gives more heed to the gospel appeals of the church pastor.

Writing on this subject Clarence Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer says:

Holding this conception of agricultural progress as we do, it is natural that we give high place to the country preacher of the South. In our whole rural civilization there is no more important man than he. And much as he has been able to do in the past, he ought to be able to do much more in the future.

There is an old story that when John Wesley was preaching once, he thundered to his hearers: "I say, *make* all you can." "Amen!" responded a thrifty and pious church leader. "And I say, *save* all you can," Wesley went on, and again the old man roared "Amen!" But Wesley continued, "And, then I say, *give* all you can"—whereupon the old man muttered under his breath, "That now, he has gone and ruined it all!"

At the risk of having somebody say we have "ruined it all," we wish to say in the outset if the country church and the country preacher are to contribute what they should to the civilization of the South, they must be better supported. We ought to be as generous in improving church conditions as we are in improving school conditions. The one-teacher school is no more out of date than once-a-month preaching.

In the matter of physical equipment and financial support, the country preacher of the past has too often had to make bricks without straw. This should now be the case no longer. As we have increased teachers' salaries, so should we increase preachers' salaries. As we have built larger, better, and more beautiful school buildings, so should we build larger, and more beautiful church buildings.

A Heartless Deed

If it is possible to do a trick so mean that it would displease the devil himself that of kidnaping a child must be one of that class. In New York city last Saturday a 3-months-old baby was kidnapped and all efforts to locate the infant have been futile. The child was taken from a baby carriage left in front of the father's store. Daily since that time the prostrate parents have left the carriage in the same place with the hope that the child might be returned. To be sure the person, or persons, doing the kidnaping were not parents. Could they have realized the plan, grief and anxiety which their cowardly act brought to the parents of the babe, surely they couldn't have had the heart to commit the deed.

Order Negro Merchant To Change Business

Wilmington, August 21.—Charlie Hagan, negro merchant of Fair Bluff, Columbus county, was taken from his store Saturday night by a masked mob and ordered to change his place of business, according to news reaching here today.

Hagans, who has been conducting a store on the main street of the town, is moving, the advices state.

Hagan was not hurt by the mob, according to reports received here, but was badly frightened. He was examined by a physician immediately after the occurrence.

No action was taken by police authorities so far as could be ascertained here.

Lime is a disinfectant when used about the home in damp places. It does away with bad oders, too. Keep a supply of slacked lime for use at regular intervals. Dust hog and chicken houses with lime after cleaning them out. Keep a supply of lime in the privy and use it at least once daily. An ordinary dipper is good to apply it with in the privy—The Progressive Farmer.

The invitation to lean on the Lord is for the weary, not the lazy.—Wilkes County Forum.

Program of Senior B. Y. P. U.

Monday night, August 26, 1923. Prayer. Scripture Reading — Miss Kathleen Holland. Introduction—Mrs. L. W. Strickland. Short talk—Baptists believe in being trained—T. A. Core. Short talk—The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—Mrs. R. L. Denning. Special music—E. M. Slaughter. Short talk — The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—Mr. Leamon Reardon. Short talk—Our colleges supply students for the Seminaries—Mrs. Lewis Strickland. Duet—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Denning. Reading—Twenty elements in a Christian education—Miss Mallie Adams. The meeting will last one hour—be on time.

90 PER CENT USE B. & L. FOR SAVINGS

Amounts Accumulated Have Aided Members To Do Many Things

While the popular impression is that their funds are used solely for the building of homes, yet a few minutes conversation with Eugene Lee, Secretary of the Home Building and Loan Association, will correct the opinion the average person has and will inform him that at least ninety per cent of the shareholders use the Association for savings accounts only, and these accounts are used for a most interesting mixture of needs and opportunities.

This association, through loans on shares, has financed a honeymoon; prehased all grades of Ford atomobiles from the pile of second-handed junk to the shiny new coupe; bought a ticket for a joy ride to New York; presented a fellow's best girl with a nice Christmas gift; furnished a ticket to a better job; paid several life insurance premiums; made a number of vacation trips possible this summer; satisfied one lady's ambition with the very latest Easter togs; helped a young man pay a note he made for his college education; furnished a young married couple's dining room with handsome furniture; started several married couples to housekeeping; enabled one young man to buy an interest in a business; tock care of a hospital bill, including operation, and was a real help in several families when sickness came their way; has been a factor in smoothing some of the financial difficulties of local business men; and not the least of all these, it kept the Dunn Concert Band practic[illegible] atmosphere with the latest [illegible] securing a big bass horn [illegible] other plan had proven fut[illegible]

Surely the Secretary's [illegible] been so monotonous after [illegible] must get a lot of pleasure [illegible] able to help those who have [illegible] themselves by the building [illegible] plan of laying some part of [illegible] come aside each week or month.

The local association will open their Sixth Series of Stock on September 1st and those of our fellow who have not yet taken advantage of their savings proposition will have the opportunity to now do so.

Birthday Celebration

August 28th, 1923, is a day set apart to celebrate James D. Williams' birthday. All his relatives and friends are respectively invited to come and take a part in making it a happy day. We expect to serve lunch in picnic stylo in the grove at his home at 12:30 o'clock.

J. C. WILLIAMS and SISTERS.

How to Become Independent

"A penny saved" is not only a penny earned but if properly invested will soon earn another penny. It would be a fine thing for the South if every pupil were required to start a savings account, even if the child had only a quarter to start with. It is the practice of thrift and saving sarted early in life that will help make adult Southerners independent. A friend of mine sent me a circular the other day which admirably illustrates this point; and I give it herewith:—

"The teacher in the Economy Class asked his pupils how best to save $300. They could not answer [illegible] requested him to explain. Do [illegible] it,' said the teacher, and put the following statement on the board:

"The average man's income for each year is about $300 over necessary expenses. If this amount were invested each year at 6 per cent compounded annually, the following results would be secured:

$300 for 5 years ...$ 1,792.50
$300 for 10 years ...$ 4,991.60
$300 for 15 years ...$ 7,901.90
$300 for 20 years $ 11,997.90.
$300 for 25 years ...$17,446.80

"From the above table, it appears that any boy who early learns the habit of thrift and regularly works and saves his money ought to be well-to-do at the age of forty-five."—The Progressive Farmer.

Laughs Himself to Death In Picture Theatre

Petersburg, Ind., Aug. 21.—John Chamberlain, 56 years old, was sitting in the Lyric Theatre watching a motion picture. Charles Preston, sitting next to Chamberlain, saw him laugh and then topple over.

When ushers succeeded in getting Chamberlain to the door for air in the hope of reviving him, he was dead.

Coroner Stams' verdict was that apoplexy due to mirth, was the cause of his death.