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Reading about the increasing disagreements between the nations of Europe brings to mind the fact that this country lost in 1919 its chance to dictate the settlement. Time once was when Uncle Sam spoke the other nations listened.

Present indications are that Lucknow square may again figure in a town election. The question now stands as it stood when it did figure right prominently in the campaign propaganda.

An opportunity for making a safe investment, and at the same time help Dunn to grow, will present itself again when the seventh series of stock will be opened by the Home Building & Loan association on Saturday. December 1.

Should Be Added

The progress of North Carolina is not confined to its enviable program of building good roads, providing better schools for the boys and girls, the unprecedented building wave and other progress in the way of building. While all this is serving to make the people of other sections of the country sit up and take notice of North Carolina, the progress being made in the line of farm production should not be forgotten.

From the Government's report we learn that North Carolina's cotton crop this year is worth $174,960,000; its tobacco crop [illegible] $74,970,000 [illegible] agricultural record for the year 1923. Adding the worth of all other farm produce grown in the State this year to that of cotton, tobacco and corn runs the total up to approximately $500,000,000.

What has been accomplished by the soil tillers of the State this year is undisputed evidence that North Carolina is one of the most important feeders and clothers of the world. The State is growing richer and greater every day, and to her growing wealth and prosperity is added millions of acres of the richest and best crop-producing lands to be found in America, together with a climate that makes the growing of practically all crops known to the South possible.

"Thanksgiving Dance"

From The Carolina Banner we learn that Sanford is to have a "Thanksgiving dance." After reading the proclamations of President Coolidge and Governor Morrison, urging the people of the nation and the State to observe Thanksgiving Day by meeting at the church of one's choice to return thanks for the blessings of the past year, the announcement of a "Thanksgiving dance" attracted us. It moves us to wonder just what sort of a dance a "Thanksgiving dance" will be.

To say the least, staging a dance of the kind that is popular now-a-days, would be a shining poor way of returning thanks. And even if the dance must be, then surely another name could have been chosen for this particular assembly of those who find pleasure in the pastime. "Thanksgiving dance" may be all right and proper, but we don't like the name.

The Safe Program

Again we would warn of the danger of the present price of cotton leading the farmers and business men into taking too great a chance with the boll weevil next year. It should be remembered that this year was one of the most favorable ever known for growing a cotton crop under boll weevil conditions. This being true, the farmers generally succeeded in producing an "average crop." However, sight should not be lost of the fact that all years will not be favorable from a weather standpoint as was this year. A wet year would tell a far different tale.

Diversification is conceded to be one of the surest and safest weapons with which to combat the cotton enemy—boll weevil. We have thought, and continue to think, that tobacco is one of the best money-crop substitutes for cotton for the farmers of the Dunn District. A few of the Dunn District farmers planted tobacco this year and proved beyond a reasonable doubt that a good grade of tobacco can be grown on the lands of this section. We would not discourage the planting of cotton on the farm lands surrounding Dunn, but we would warn against planting too many acres in cotton. A few acres in tobacco, plenty of acres in corn, hay and other feed crops to supply the farm home and the balance in cotton is, in our opinion, the only safe program for next year.

The Divorce Menace

In connection with a table showing the ratio of divorces to marriage, The University News Letter states that the divorce menace is growing at a rapid pace in this State. The figures, based upon the Departmnet of Commerce report for the year 1922, shows that North Carolina ranks fifth in the list of all the States in the union. In 1916 this State made the best showing of all the States, except South Carolina, which grants no divorces at all. In six years the State had dropped from first place to fifth. The States which rank ahead of North Carolina in their order are: South Carolina, 1; District of Columbia, 2; New York, 3; Georgia, 4. And it should be remembered that the last session of the General Assembly of North Carolina failed to pass a law under which insanity could be used as a means for securing a divorce.

Thanksgiving

Calvin Coolidge, heir of the moral spirit which made America, has spoken well in his Thanksgiving Proclamation, and has made it more than the official notification of the people that Thursday, November the twenty-ninth, is Thanksgiving Day.

Given opportunity, he says, to balance the good and the evil which we have experienced, "we have never failed to find reasons for being grateful to God for a generous preponderance of the good. Even in the least propitious times, a broad contemplation of our position has never failed to disclose overwhelming reasons for thankfulness . . . . We have been a most favored people. We ought to be a most generous people. We have been a most blessed people. We ought to be a most thankful people."

This is true how true only few of us can realize. If our people knew and realized the vast mental and physical misery of the world, the realization would take all comfort out of their own situation, although it would leave them deeply thankful on behalf of our woman and children. Not only reverent and humble gratitude befits us, but also a profound self-searching as to what compensatory service this signal immunity from suffering commits us. It is not for nought that we are free. Our very condition emphasizes a deep responsibility laid upon us as a nation.—Dearborn Independent.

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REMAINS OF LEE ARE BURIED HERE

Funeral Of Young Man Slain In Detroit Conducted Here Yesterday

The funeral of Leslie Lee, who was stabbed to death by William Ducos in Detroit, Michigan, Saturday night of last week, was conducted from the home of his father, Jesse B. Lee, East Broad street, yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The funeral was conducted by Rev. E. N. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. O. T. Mattox, pastor of the Dunn Christian church. Music was rendered by a select choir. The pall-bearers were: H. B. Taylor, Alfred Hinlock, Otis Warren, Williard Jackson, Guy Hooks and J. N. Creel, Jr. The remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery. The funeral was attended by a large crowd and the floral offerings were profuse and beautiful.

Mr. Lee, father of the slain man, left Saturday night for Detroit and arrived there early Monday morning. He left Detroit Monday night at 11 o'clock with the remains and reached Dunn Wednesday morning at 6:33. The unfortunate young man was cut to death by a Greek in a cafe, the assailant using a large butcher knife. According to information gathered by young Lee's father, the assault followed an argument about a meal which had been ordered in the cafe. After the argument ended the Greek went into the kitchen and returned with the knife, attacking Mr. Lee unaware while he was engaged in a conversation over a telephone. The knife penetrated the abdomen and practically cut the body in twain. He was rushed to the hospital and died in a short time while on the operating table.

Ducos was placed under arrest immediately after the assault and was confined in jail when Mr. Lee left Detroit Monday night. Court officials informed Mr. Lee that Ducos would be tried at an early date. Three eye-witnesses to the murderous assault told Mr. Lee that the attack was unwarranted and that his son was not to blame in the least. Several others told him that Leslie had not been in any trouble there and that he was a good citizen. More than one hundred people gathered at the undertaking establishment where the body was carried while the young man's father was there and Mr. Lee states that he was shown every courtesy and consideration by the people of Detroit.

Leslie Lee was born in 1901 a few months over twenty-two years old. He left Dunn seven years ago, at the age of 16, and had made his home in Detroit for the past six years. His last visit to Dunn was during the Christmas holidays of 1919. He was engaged in the auto transfer business in Detroit. Besides his father and step-mother the deceased is survived by three sisters—Mrs. N. DeMale, of Rocky Mount; Misses Ada and Mamie Lee, of Dunn; and two brothers—John Bellance Lee, who is in school in Rocky Mount, and Jesse Lee, Jr., who is a student at Oak Ridge institute.

It has been rumored here that the slain man was married, but investigation made in Detroit by his father proved that he was unmarried.

A System Long Needed

The new method for disbursing special tax moneys, adopted by the County Commissioners, through which the various school districts and townships will receive only so much as is collected from them, is a system that should have been put in practice long ago. It is the only just and equitable manner of disbursing the special tax funds.

If a school district or township pays in only $1,000 for the school and $1,000 for the roads, there is no rhyme nor reason in allowing them to draw $1,200, and thus deprive some other district or township of their just due. Heretofore, so we are informed, some school districts drew twice as much tax money as was collected from the district. For instance the townships in some instances did the same. By the new system this practice will end, and each district or township will get "what is coming to them" and not a part of that belonging elsewhere.

The present Board of County Commissioners is doing some very effective work in regulating the collecting and disbursement of funds, but nothing the Board has done in that line will receive more hearty commendation perhaps than the rule referred to above.—Harnett County News.

Respect For Law

(From The Hartford Courant.)

Nobody believes that a constitutional amendement can be repealed. Nobody wants the saloon re-established as headquarters for corrupt political deals and for plotters of crime. If some people protest against certain details of the Volstead act, and desire its amendment, they have the right to their opinions and to work for change, but they have no right to break the present law, much as they may wish it were different.

The bootlegger is a law-breaker and his customer is in danger of arrest, if for nothing else, for attempting suicide. The reports of savings banks indicate that they have gained in deposits by reason of the closing of saloons, and these same figures suggest a happier domestic life through the country. It is contended that the law lacks the support that it would have, if it were less radical. If cider by passing from "sweet" to "hard," while lying in the cellar can make a law-breaker of the man who lives upstairs, if it is unlawful to squeeze grapes and let nature do the rest, then respect for the law did decline.

These are the points to consider, but there can be no question that the sales of intoxicating liquor is a violation of the law, a disregard of the authority that we all are under and something that should not be permitted.

Eight per cent of the cotton acreage in North Carolina was poisoned for boll weevil this year. It is time now to plan for increasing this about eght times for next season.

WE CAN FIX IT

If a boy loves a girl,
That's his business.
If a girl loves a boy,
That's her business.
That's [illegible]
But if your car gets out of fix,
That's My business.

JOE P. SMITH, Garage
Dunn, N. C.

Jas. H. Pope, Godwin, Passed Away Tuesday

James H. Pope, aged 80 years, died Tuesday at his home, near Godwin, of cancer. Deceased is survived by his widow and three children, besides numerous other relatives. Mr. Pope had been a sufferer from cancer of the face for a year, though his death came as a surprise and shock to his many friends. The funeral was conducted from the home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment was made in the family burying ground. Deceased was a loyal member of the Baptist church and a good man.

HARD

"Are you not working?"
The boss inquired.
"No," said the poet;
"I'm inspired."
"So am I," the boss replied;
"You're fired."
—Monroe Legionaire.

Christmas Buying Made Easy

Again the time has arrived when the problem of buying Christmas Gifts must be reckoned with. We are prepare dto replace your confidence with the best gift ideas and the best gift values.

We have gone the limit this year in stocking a selection of gifts which will make your Christmas shopping easy. Our large and select line of gifts incluudes something suitable for Father, Mother, Wife, Husband, Brother, Sister, Sweetheart, and last but not least, the little folks in general. All the old lines have been replenished and fortified with the newest in every respect. We are offering this year many new ideas in Gift Suggestions and all our goods are of the best production, the finest made, and to early buyers we offer them at unusually low cost.

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EUGENE LEE, Secretary

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