



Will this structure survive?

Will the enormous industry of American steam railroads, the most efficient transportation system in the history of the world, survive the continuing effects of unfair competition, rate reductions, and other influences which are constantly undermining their earning capacity and tending seriously to impair their public service?

This is the greatest problem which concerns not only the managements of the railroads, but, because of their tremendous value in our economic progress, vitally interests every man, woman, and child in this country.

The inroads on railroad revenues being made by competing forms of transportation, which are not subjected to the same character of regulation as the railroads and are not required to share proportionately in the public burden; the constant rise in the level of wages and in other operating costs; the increasing assessments for railroad taxes, which in 1928 were higher relatively than in any previous period; the gradual tendency downward of rates which, measured by the ton-mile revenue, have declined over 15 per cent since 1921—through the constant whittling away of the rate structure—these are some of the prominent causes which are decreasing the income of the railroads and preventing them from earning the fair return to which they are legally entitled under the Transportation Act.

Unless, through the force of sound public sentiment, a halt is made in encroachments of these kinds, it is feared that before long the American railroads will face one of the greatest crises in their history. You should interest yourself in these matters and use your influence to establish a public policy more just to the railroads.

To keep up the high standard of service and make provision for the future, there must be an adequate margin between railroad revenues and railroad expenses. This can be secured only as the public makes its influence felt so as to insure to the railroad equitable taxation, fair rates and regulations, and just laws.



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"I also give Black-Draught to my children whenever they need something for colds or upset stomachs. Our whole family takes Black-Draught."—Mrs. G. C. Leary, 103 North Alston Ave., Durham, N. C.

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TOWN PROGRESS TALKS



Foremost among the institutions which develop a town is the home newspaper. It stands for progress; it is fair to all; it nurses no grudges; it protects its people from unwelcome publicity and causes needless sorrow to no one; it boosts every enterprise and supports all public improvements, sometimes at a financial loss; it promotes good fellowship at home and good feeling toward the town abroad. The editor regards his position as a solemn responsibility; he endeavors to be the leader in all movements that will keep his town abreast of competing towns; he does not fill his columns with the scum of the news to fill his till with dollars, though it be a stain on the town's best friend, the home newspaper.

PERSIMMON CREEK

Some few farmers have commenced their farm work, swapping and breaking young mules being very numerous in this section.

J. E. Hall, of Peachtree, was in this section the other day buying cattle.

Haudrum Payne has been very ill with pneumonia but is better at this writing.

Mrs. Paralee Stiles and Miss Bonnie Fair were visitors at J. H. Payne's Sunday.

Mr. John Stiles and family visited Mr. Fred Beaver and family on Sunday.

We are sorry that the preaching services have been hindered at Persimmon Creek church on account of the moderator J. P. Decker being sick, but are glad to hear that he is improving.

Cora Beaver, who is confined to her bed with T. B. is not any better at this writing.

The last few days rain has rendered the roads almost past traveling.

Dr. S. C. Highway was called to the home of J. H. Payne a few days ago.

Spring begins March 20, let's begin Sunday school a little earlier. Who will say alright, where do you want your children to go to Sunday school or a rabbit hunting, who's going to be responsible for them.

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MURPHY, N. C.

Statement of Condition MURPHY BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

of Murphy, N. C., as of December 31st., 1928. (Copy of sworn statement submitted to Insurance Commissioner as required by law.)

ASSETS

The Association owns:

Cash on Hand and in Banks	1,96
Mortgage Loans	13,600
Stock Loans	100.00
Advances made to our shareholders against their stock. No loan exceeds 90% of amount actually paid in.	
Office Furniture and Fixtures	23.30
TOTAL	\$14,730.76

LIABILITIES

The Association owes:

To shareholders	
Funds entrusted to our care in the form of payments on stock as follows:	
Installment Stock	\$11,073.12
Full Paid Stock	3,430.00
Bills Payable	2,250.00
Money borrowed for use in making loans to members, or retiring matured stock. Each note approved by at least two-thirds of entire Board of Directors as required by law.	
Accounts Payable	100.00
Undivided Profits	1,503.24
Earnings held in trust for distribution to shareholders at maturity of stock.	
Other Liabilities	319.40
TOTAL	\$14,730.76

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE.

B. W. Sipe, Secretary-Treasurer of the above named Association personally appeared before me this day, and being duly sworn, says that the foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

B. W. SIPE,
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 20th day of February, 1929.
(SEAL)

HATTIE PALMER,
Notary Public.

Brunswick County farmers report that prices for sweet potatoes this winter are much better than last year.

THE LAY OF THE HEN

The old hen sat in a leafless tree. And said: "Nobody cares for me. My food is what I find about—I hunt for it till I'm frazzled out. My owner says I do not pay. And that I ought to sing and lay. I wish he had to sit out here. And live on pickin's all the year. I'll bet a half a cent by jing. He wouldn't lay from now till spring!"

—Unknown Poet.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking the good people of Murphy and Grandview for the courtesy shown us in the burial service of my dear wife, also for the car service rendered. We sincerely thank Rev. Howard P. Powell for his sympathetic funeral service.

May Heaven bless every one of you is our prayer.

Fred Fain and mother, Letitia.

A REPLY

In love and sympathy I dedicate this article of actual experience, to the local reporter from Pleasant Hill, N. C., in Murphy Scout in issue of Friday, February 15, 1929. Our friend at Pleasant Hill must remember that all people with whom we deal in buying and selling are not bootleggers. Sometime ago in my store I bought one dozen (represented to be "good fresh eggs being so fresh I carried them home for my own tooth; and to my disappointment I found 9 of those eggs had chickens about ready to hatch; do not believe this customer lived near Pleasant Hill. My next experience I bought 5 dozen eggs "declared to be very fresh." I discovered 13 of "those fresh eggs" were rotten as any guano that my Pleasant Hill friend ever got mixed up with. Next I bought a 5 pound ball of beautiful beeswax worth 22½ cent per pound; imagine how I felt when I stuck my meat knife into that ball of wax, it was all cow tallow with only a thin skin of wax outside and tallow was worth 5c per pound.

Your little two sheets of Asheville Citizen did not weigh over 1 or 2 ounces. You and I have certainly been up against a bad bunch. I bought 15 pounds of cotton rags one day to sell to a paper mill. "Just leave those rags in that old sack, I do not want to take it back." This excited my curiosity so I open-

ed the sack and emptied the rags out on the floor and there was a rock that weighed five pounds. My rock would not make soap or paper, so don't fret over as small a thing as a pound of pebbles, tell the Michigan farmers they must not put so many pebbles in their beans that your store-keeper doesn't have time to store the beans he gets of him.

I humbly admonish you to cheer me; do not take these little diversions or advertise so much to heart. I assure you there is more trickery, falsehood and bootlegging behind the store counter than any where I know of except in front of it. Let's you and I set to it to clean up things around in our communities.

Sincerely your
Sympathizing Friend,

CHIROPRACTIC NEURECTASY

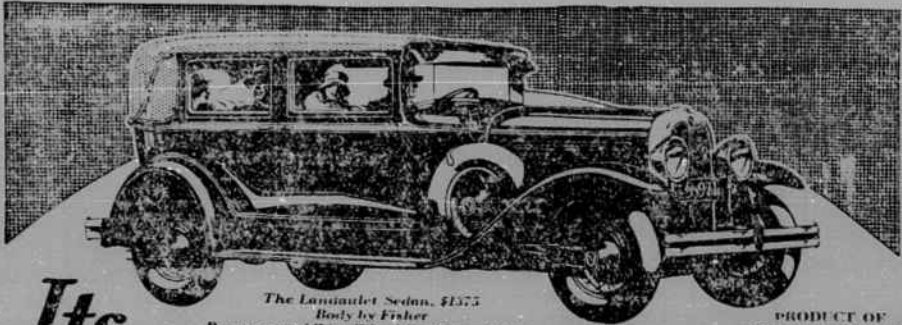
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