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SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

There appears in this issue an advertisement by one of the most progressive and substantial merchants of Lillington, in which he declares he wants a building suitable for his business. This is another link in the strong chain of evidence that this town needs and must have some construction work immediately.

That a merchant should use so much space to advertise for suitable quarters furnishes at least a hint that should strike home.

Mr. Long means business, because our own knowledge is that he does business.

WHAT WILL WE DO ABOUT IT?

GET TOGETHER

During this week there is being put forth an energetic campaign to get each and every business and professional man in Lillington together in a body for the purpose of putting new life into the Board of Trade and instituting a forward movement such as will attract attention from the outside world. Each one will be urged to attend a get-together meeting, and it is to the interest of each individual as well as the whole town that this meeting shall be a successful one. It is positively necessary that the business element of this town come together and take action on matters that are of vital concern to all.

Lillington, it is conceded by everyone, is on the threshold of a new era of development, and the time to put aside lethargy is now. There is no room for petty jealousies or suspicions of selfish motives at this time. It is to be taken for granted that all men of lawful age are capable of self-protection as well as self-government, and no wet nurse should be needed. The Lillington Board of Trade is not looking for "suckers," and by the same token, sharks can be taken care of. All that is needed is a little more public spirit, and there is no better place to cultivate this than in a get-together meeting.

There are among us just now quite a considerable number of new residents—people who desire to make Lillington their home—and there are others who wish to come. Do we want them? Or shall we turn the cold shoulder to them and say, "Stay out!"

The opinion is unanimous that better things are in store for Lillington. They are needed and can come none too quickly. The only way to have a good town government, better railroad facilities, more inducements to home-seekers, and many other things might be mentioned, is for the people to come together on common ground and determine to secure such things. There are matters that no doubt need remedying, but the first patch to be put on should be applied to the puncture in the commercial wheel. Nothing can be gained by holding aloof and thus scotching the wheel. Progress comes by keeping wide-awake at all times and meeting the issues as they arise. The best inducement that can be held out to newcomers is a commercial body pulling together for the common good.

This newspaper has no desire whatever in a commercial way than to boost Lillington for all it is worth, but the business element must make the town worth boosting. We do not intend to tell untruths about our town and declare our citizens are hustlers when they are not. When we proclaim to the world that Lillington is a good place to locate, we want that statement to stand irrevocable. When we advise people to come in while the coming is good, we want that advice to bear up under investigation.

In sum total, all that the county seat of Harnett needs is teamwork. Get together, and the rest will be easy.

The Republican get-together meeting in Greensboro seemed to be something in the nature of a booster session. National Chairman Hays was the headlines on the speech program and he warmed up to his audience when denouncing things Democratic in general and Wilsonian in particular. The common digger will hardly become overenthused over his oration, which will no doubt pass off in a haze.

BORROWING MONEY

Most people hate to borrow money. It looks too much like asking favors and placing one under undesirable obligations. In reality the lender is the person favored because he is getting his interest, demands and receives security and in the end gets back the principal. The lender is the gainer by reason of being able to secure another party willing to take a risk and thus render the loan sound.

Most people in this section seem to be in the habit of borrowing other people's money, when they should be borrowing their own. The safest, cheapest way to borrow money is to borrow your own. The interest rate is so much lower, and there is a dead certainty of being able to pay the principal.

In a building and loan association a member borrows his own money. This is not queer. Shares are taken, a loan is negotiated and the payments for the shares in installments cover both principal and interest, winding up the transaction in tit-bits and without pinch. For instance, a man takes 20 shares in building and loan, \$100 per share, payable 25 cents per share per week or \$5; he borrows \$2,000 at 6 per cent, and builds a house; he has the constant use of the house; pays on his shares with interest on the loan, and the payments are bearing interest at the rate of about 4 1/2 per cent, thus putting the member in the position of borrowing his own money in advance at the rate of 1 1/2 per cent. The loan may be matured in from 5 to 10 years, but all the while the full amount is in possession of the borrower at 1 3/4 per cent interest. No, this is not a fairy story. It's the way building and loan works. It shows the great value of co-operation, union, strength. Cities to-day are being built with building and loan money. It is the fairest, most equitable way of borrowing and lending. No favors are asked and no feelings hurt. No man gets rich at the other's expense. No pinch is felt by having big notes falling due. A man borrows his own money, at a very low interest, and that's all there is to it. Very simple, isn't it?

ARE YOU A SLACKER?

The term "slacker" is repulsive. It is a fighting word, almost, because no one likes to be so called. And yet—Lillington is almost chock full of slackers. There are three churches in this town, each of which is a credit to the denomination that built it. Each of these churches has ample seating capacity, and splendid pastors. Preaching services are held at only one place each Sunday. The congregations have ample opportunity to fill the church holding services, because there is no other service at that hour. The congregation is not divided between the several churches by reason of simultaneous gatherings. And yet—are you satisfied with Lillington's church attendance? It is indeed a poor showing. It is nothing less than hypocrisy to erect houses of worship and remain away from them during service hour. Go to church. Don't depend on the faithful few. They may happen upon circumstances compelling their absence. Go yourself. It will do you good.

ORGANIZE TO HOLD COTTON

On February 11th, a State-wide meeting was held in Raleigh, composed of business men and farmers, for the purpose of forming the North Carolina Cotton Association, whose chief immediate aim is to lay plans and formulate schemes to hold from the market the balance of the 1918 crop and to curtail production of cotton in 1919. To hold the 1918 crop it is planned to ask each owner to contribute twenty cents per bale to finance the holding operations, and to make ten cents per acre the dues each cotton grower should pay for spreading curtailment propaganda for this year's crop.

Governor Bickett, president of the association, is to issue at once a proclamation calling for quick and decisive action by setting aside Wednesday, February 26th, as a time for the general organization of the cotton growing counties into bodies pledged with an eye singled to the welfare of cotton. Afterward a canvass will be made of individual townships to secure local organization, the idea being to reach each individual grower of cotton, and to impress upon all the urgent necessity for holding and curtailment.

Although this movement should have been put on foot at least two months ago, it is a wise proverb that even tardiness does not always nullify a good cause. It is a foregone conclusion that unless cotton farmers "hold off" to an appreciable extent this year, then there will be a tale of woe next fall. There is good, sound logic and reason for this, and it does not require the wisdom of Solomon to figure it out. Europe certainly will not pay thirty or thirty-five cents for cotton on a sixteen million bale production. Nor will America or any other country for that matter. Bumper crops are mighty fine and furnish excellent statistics and material for political orators and others, but the price is the thing for the farmer to consider first of all. It is one thing to raise a bumper crop and something else to market it. The world may be naked, but if it will not

buy cotton as fast as Southern farmers desire to raise it, then what?

When the world gets on its feet—which will no doubt be a reality before another winter, so far as cotton is concerned—although things may not have been readjusted in statu quo, there will not be the war spirit to cry out, "My Kingdom for a horse!" Any port in a storm is war doctrine in cases of dire necessity, but in peace times the best landing place is sought. Applying this to cotton, the only hope of the producers of the staple to hold the price up is to have the amount produced in direct control. At the same time there will have been produced other crops by virtue of cotton reduction, to stabilize the farm and make the producer independent of the cotton market.

And here is where tobacco will play an important part. We are strongly impressed by the words of our friend, O. S. Bordeaux of Fuquay, that the newcomers in the tobacco field will not hurt the market this year. The bright leaf will have a market on its merits and there is hardly any danger of flooding the world with a grade of tobacco that has been declared by competent judges to be the best grown. And in the Southeastern section of the United States is the only place in the world where gold leaf tobacco can be grown. That's right where we live.

WHAT WILL WILSON DO?

The question is going the rounds, now that the war issues seem to be almost on the shelf, what will President Wilson do to pass away the time after his retirement from the White House? There is only one living Ex-President and he is on the payroll of Yale at \$5,000 a year to deliver a lecture to the students now and then. This is only a side-line, however, Mr. Taft being quite a drawing card for Chautauquas and the like, besides being somewhat of a speech tourist on his own hook.

This question calls to mind the fact that Ex-Presidents never amount to much in the busy world. They seem to slowly drift out of the public mind as well as the public interest, and no one appears to be very much concerned as to what becomes of them or whether they grow fat or lean. President Wilson was at the head of Princeton when he was elected the Nation's chief executive and he could no doubt find employment in the same or like capacity when he retires to private life, with possibly a raise in salary. But what a drop from \$100,000 to five or ten thousand!

Taking into consideration the great and heavy responsibilities of President of the United States, it does seem only fair and just that a man qualified to fill that high office should be to some degree maintained on the government payroll for the benefit of the counsel which he would be so well suited to give by reason of his experience. After being in intimate touch with affairs of state and holding in his mind the temperament of other governments towards our country, an Ex-President could render valuable counsel to those directing affairs at Washington.

Something like a years' salary as a bonus upon retirement, to be conditioned upon the government receiving the services of the Ex-President when needed in an advisory capacity, would appear to be a nice arrangement. This would assure the retiring executive that his immediate welfare had been provided and for that the country to whose interests he had been devoting his best energy and master-work of his life appreciated his services.

In this connection it might be well for Congress to have the prerogative of voting this extra pay after the executive's term had expired, because sometimes—well, who can tell who might become president, and the kind of services rendered?

Pastor Farmer of the Lillington Baptist Church gives the pleasing information that the handsome brick church is paid for. The securing of a regular pastor is now in order, and the hope is that Lillington will become the home of a Baptist minister. Mr. Farmer has been supplying the pulpit on the third Sunday of each month and his services are appreciated by all. He never fails to have a good attendance when he preaches. Mr. Farmer would look good as a Lillington citizen.

Now is the time for all good men to take unto themselves much strength to prepare against the day of the spring onion.

It is to be hoped the road bill will pass through the Legislature like a steam roller. We don't want to pay taxes to build roads in other States. That's what it amounts to for all States not taking advantage of government aid.

We heard a good citizen the other day call this county Hornett. Right! Sounds more like business anyway.

If Gabriel were to blow his horn, some people would think it was only dinner-time.

LAND SALE MONDAY

E. F. Young sold 220 acres of land at the courthouse door in Lillington, at noon, Monday for \$1,300. Mr. W. E. Truelove was the purchaser. The land is located in Anderson Creek Township.

"OUR IMMORTAL DEAD"

Ed. Smith, Co. M., 119th Infantry. On Flinders fields and France's hills. On Sunny plains near sparking rills: Where night-hawks, larks and eagles fly. Their immortal heroes lie.

When dawn called they did not pause, To give their all to freedom's cause: New flowers bloom above their head Their deeds still live, tho they are dead.

They rushed the lines across the plain; I saw them march with rhythmic tread, The cannons roar they did not dread.

They fought and died that you and me, Could live in peace through victory: Now mothers old and maidens fair, May come and gather garlands there.

Sleep on brave comrades, take your rest, Peace reigns supreme above your breast:

The land you fought to win and save, Will plant sweet flowers on your grave.

The torch you carried linger still, To light our way o'er plain and hill, To lead us on the heights unknown, To reap the harvests you have sown.

Your deeds of valor shall never die, Tho mouldering in the earth you lie: The world in blood shall bathe no more; Your souls shall ever in victory soar. Beaumont, France, Jan. 15, 1919.

TAX-PAYING TIME

The sheriff and his deputies are after the tax-payers in Harnett. Taxes are past due and the sheriff will keep pestering those who do not pay promptly, so the wisest thing to do is to pay up and get in good standing.

All this week the collectors are in Dunn taking the taxes for Averasboro township. After this week costs will be added to this township. Other townships will be taken up in their order and canvass made, after which costs will be added.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Mr. Herbert Matthews, who lives within a few miles of Lillington, rushed his eleven year old son, who was accidentally shot by his nine year old brother, to the hospital in Duke, where it was found necessary to amputate his leg above the knee. The accident occurred last Tuesday while the children were out playing with a hammerless gun. The little fellow is getting along nicely.

FOR SALE

One good Jersey milk, price right. Eight shoats, weight from 50 to 85 pounds each, 19c per pound. W. H. Hatcher, Lillington, Route 1.

Lillington needs some cement paving, but first its citizens need a little more adhesiveness in the public interest. People who accomplish anything in the way of teamwork must come together often. We are losing more by not pulling together than from any other cause. Let's come together and make a strong pull for something that will be of material benefit to the whole community. It's easy when all get to pulling.

FOR SALE  
Nice young mule, eight years old, for sale.  
Parker Bros.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY.**  
Baptist—Rev. J. A. Farmer, pastor. Services morning and night every third Sunday. Sunday school every Sunday, J. A. McLeod, superintendent.  
Presbyterian—Rev. G. F. Kirkpatrick, pastor. Services second Sunday night; also morning and night of fourth Sunday. Sunday school every Sunday, O. L. Johnson, superintendent.  
Methodist—Rev. S. M. McDonald, pastor. Services morning and night, first Sunday. Sunday school every Sunday, A. A. McDonald, superintendent.  
Union Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening at Presbyterian Church.

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MR. AND MRS. HAWLEY LEAVE

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hawley left last week for Greensboro, where they will enter the Masonic Home. They had made their home in Lillington for a number of years and were highly esteemed by all who knew them, which includes the whole community. They will be greatly missed by everyone.

FIELD SEED FOR DISTRIBUTION

I have on hand for distribution rare types of field seed including alfalfa, cowpeas, sorghum, soybeans, Sudan grass, velvet beans and cotton. Those wishing a selection for experimental purposes will please send me their names and addresses. Respectfully,  
H. L. GODWIN.

Big Opportunity

to purchase at a bargain men and boys winter clothing. Also about 150 ladies and Misses Cloaks that must be sold before the grasshopper hops. Shoes to fit the big folks, little folks and poor folks. Come and see.

I have on hand a large and well selected stock of dry goods, serges, silks, suitings, etc. If you want to make your wife smile come in and let me sell you a nice drugget; 9x12. They are beauties. Be sure to see them.

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