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FARMERS LENDING MONEY.

In a recent issue of the Charlotte Observer we find the following editorial paragraph:

"What is news?" This has been a question of popular debate in recent times. The Observer is now going to give a practical instance of what news is. In two North Carolina counties—Columbus and Brunswick—the farmers have money to lend, and what's more, they are lending money at six per cent interest.

The fact that farmers are lending money is not news in Lee county. A few farmers in this county have money to lend and they have been lending it to business men in Sanford and elsewhere for years.

The Express knows a farmer, who lives only a few miles from Sanford, who, not many years ago farmed on rented land. By good management he paid for a good farm with money made from his crops from year to year, and now owns stock in one of Sanford's leading enterprises.

THE DIVORCE EVIL.

Constantly we now see in the newspapers notices of divorces obtained in Paris or elsewhere, by those whose names are well known in this country.

We have now reached the point at which there is in this land one divorce to every seven marriages. It is growing steadily worse and in many States it has gone far beyond this.

Plainly, the divorce evil threatens the very existence of the family as an institution. It is destroying the meaning of marriage and is making it only a temporary arrangement to be determined at the whim of either party to it.

Home cannot endure on such a foundation as that, and a nation cannot endure, unless it preserves the sacredness and stability of the home.

LESS COTTON, MAYBE, BUT MORE TOBACCO.

Mr. John T. McDonald, county cotton statistician for the national government, does not think there will be any increase in the acreage planted to cotton in Lee county this year.

PRESENT DAY TENDENCIES IN RELIGION.

(Extracts from an address delivered by Dr. R. C. Gilmore before Sanford Rotary Club.)

Religion has always been one of the determining factors of human life. Therefore no man can afford to be indifferent as to the tendency and drift of religion.

Following this came a decided swing toward practice rather than belief and we are in danger that in ceasing to contend for distinctive tenets we grow complacent or indifferent as to all belief.

But in the belief in evolution of any kind man no longer stands in the immediate presence of God, but has many intervening links and is separated by long ages from his Creator.

Someone said lately that this controversy had ended because the extremes on both sides had disappeared and the others had come closer together.

But this discussion has left its mark on thought and life. Many are in a fog as to religious reality and in this fog they grope for a new conception of religion.

The result has been not only a lessening of responsibility to God but also of obligation to men. This is one of the most dangerous tendencies of the age, a loosening of the sense of God on life and conduct and a growing disbelief in the Bible as the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

The difficulties faced by all church agencies to find men and money to meet the needs of their growing work may perhaps be definitely traced to the lack of faith among the ministry and membership of the church.

What men need today is not a return to discussions over the unessentials but a return to a definite belief and trust in the essentials of religion, a faith that brings men nearer to God, endows them with his presence and sends them forth to a service that will honor him and bless mankind.

BANKS ARE BURSTING WITH MUCH MONEY

And Yet Millions of men are Out of Work—Silly Season Has Reached Its Height in Politics—Congress Votes Millions for Rivers and Harbors and For The Army—Drys Raise a Million For Campaign Work—Representative Hammer Would Put a Crimp in Companionate Marriages.

(Washington Correspondence of The Express).

Washington, March 5.—The silly season has reached its height in politics but somebody is going to do something about it soon.

It seems that among the busy little office holders here in Washington there is a bevy that has been telling the world they were for Hoover.

That is all changed now. Word has gone out the bureaucrats may sit in the band wagon till the seats of their trousers shine, if they wish, but they must sit quietly.

Another outcropping of the prevailing political stillness is the McAdoo boom. The drys are going to "draft" the coy but smiling Ex-Secretary of the Treasury to euhre Al Smith out of the Democratic nomination, if they can.

Here in Washington, they are going to put bright street lights in front of the White House, the better to see its beauties by night.

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CLUB ORGANIZED TO BOOST HERBERT HOOVER

Indications are that when the Republicans of North Carolina meet in convention to select delegates to the National Convention at Kansas City, the Lowden followers will have no walk-away.

Among the party leaders in the state present for the club's organization were William Grissom, collector of internal revenue, and B. C. Campbell, Grissom's chief deputy; and Col. A. L. McCaskill, collector of customs at Wilmington.

Brigadier General A. J. Bowley, recently ordered to command of the second division at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, will leave for that post April 1st.

President Coolidge decided to let more Irish come into the United States. His revised immigration quota, subtracting from the British and the Orangemen and giving it to Erin, and many's the shamrock he'll get on St. Patrick's Day.

The House Naval Affairs committee that voted 18 to 1 a few weeks back to make the President build its contemplated armada within five years looked sorrowfully at the tattered remnant of its bill and voted 18 to 1 to let the President build the thing whenever he chose to.

Congressman Maas from Minnesota looked skyward and saw the sun obscured. He introduced a bill requiring the army to send planes and instructors to every State University and predicted that 5,000 air-fliver drivers would thus be trained annually.

Plucky little Cuba called quits to its agreement with Uncle Sam for the exchange of parcel post. For a generation past Cuba has sought without avail to mail cigars in single boxes to American buyers.

Two more little bills were presented to the House. One, calling for about \$25,000,000 would modernize five battleships. The other, at a cost of \$12,600,000, would abolish the disgraceful shacks at army posts and give American soldiers decent living quarters for the first time, generally, since the war.

In more serious vein, the American Federation of Labor took grim count of its idle members. In 23 cities, its report disclosed, there is an average of one man without a job for every seven that have jobs.

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Representative William C. Hammer of North Carolina does not believe in companionate marriage.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain mortgage deed, dated the 18th day of May, 1927, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Lee County, State of North Carolina, in Book of Mortgages No. 124, at page 532, default having been made in the payment of the said power of sale secured, and the said power of sale having become operative, and the holder of the note thereby secured having so requested, the undersigned mortgagee will on

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain mortgage deed made and executed by Shelby Wicker and wife, Estella Wicker, to A. E. Kelly, dated 4th day of August 1926, and recorded in Book 8, Page 590, Lee County Registry, and on account of default in the payment of same the undersigned will expose for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the County Court House door in the County of Lee, near the town of Sanford, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock noon on the second Monday in March 1928, the same being

EXECUTRIX NOTICE.

Having qualified as executrix of the last will and testament of J. M. R. Thomas, deceased, late of Lee county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at Broadway, N. C., on or before the 1st day of March, 1929, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

GEN. BOWLEY LEAVES FOR NEW COMMAND APRIL 1st.

Brigadier General A. J. Bowley, recently ordered to command of the second division at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, will leave for that post April 1st.

Beginning at a stake on West side of S. A. L. R. R. running thence S 47 W 40.50 C to a Holly Wood Oak pointer, thence S 42 E 14 1-2 C to the S. A. L. R. R.; Thence with R. R. to the beginning containing 26 acres, more or less. This land joins P. O. Lenard and McIver and others. This the 11th day of February 1928.

A. E. KELLY, Mortgagee.