

### H. B. VARNER DEAD AT AGE OF 55 YRS.

Succumbed Monday Night To  
Attack of Pneumonia—Long  
Prominent in State.

Henry Branson Varner, president of the North Carolina Motion Picture Owners Association and former State Commissioner of Labor and Printing, died in a hospital at Lexington Monday night shortly after 9 o'clock of pneumonia which developed about ten days prior to his death following a business trip to Charlotte.

Hopes were entertained for Mr. Varner's recovery until late Monday there was a sudden turn for the worse in his condition. He soon sank into a state of coma and did not regain consciousness before his death.

Funeral services were held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the Presbyterian church in Lexington and interment made in the city cemetery.

Besides his wife, who before her marriage was Evelyn Pearce of Washington, he is survived by his mother, one sister, and one brother, of Denon. He was married to Miss Pearce less than a year ago.

Mr. Varner was born on a farm in Emmons township, Davidson county, April 12, 1880. His education was meager, being obtained from the country schools. Beginning at twelve years of age, he worked at a sawmill for ten cents a day until he was sixteen. Then he sold fruit trees for several years, canvassing Rowan and Cleveland counties. In 1896 he bought the Lexington Dispatch from W. M. Sherrill and continued to publish it until August, 1923. He founded the Southern Good Roads Magazine and continued to publish it for nine years. From 1900 until 1908 he was state commissioner of labor and printing. In 1913 he became chairman of the state prison board and held this position under the administration of Governors Craig and Bickett. He managed Senator Underwood's campaign in this state for President in 1912 and in 1916 was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress. Mr. Varner was elected president of the North Carolina Press Association and at the end of his term the constitution of the association was changed in order that he could be re-elected. At the end of this term he declined re-election.

Beginning in 1904, Col. Varner was president for one term of the National Editorial Association. From 1911 he was president of the North Carolina Good Roads Association. He was chairman of the Davidson county Democratic executive committee in 1898 in which year the Democrats elected a full ticket in his county and held the offices for several years. He continued as chairman through several campaigns. At the time of his death he was president of the North Carolina Motion Picture Theatre Owners, being secretary of the organization for some years before becoming president. He owned a theatre in Lexington and was interested in the theatres in Thomasville and Badin. He intended to open a theatre at Concord next Monday.

Col. Varner was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Lexington. He was a past master of Lexington lodge No. 475, A. F. and A. M. He was also a member of the Junior order, the Elks and other fraternal organizations.

### Another Chain Store To Open in Asheboro

The Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, a chain grocery operating 12,000 retail stores in the United States, will tomorrow open its latest store in the Lewis building next to the First National Bank on Depot Street. The other half of the store building will be occupied by the Wagoner Clothing Company, which will open Monday morning for business. Extensive repairs have been made in the two-store rooms which were slightly damaged by fire recently. New displays have been put in and the interior of the building refinished. The Atlantic and Pacific has installed its own fixtures designed especially for its stores.

The coming of this latest chain store makes two grocery chains that have opened stores in Asheboro since last fall. The first was Fender's which occupies the Hedrick building just west of the railroad.

### M. E. CHURCH MATTERS

(By W. E. Willis)

A delegation of Methodists came over from Troy last week to examine our new church building. They contemplate the erection of a church soon.

The carpenters have finished their work. The art glass has arrived for the windows. The painters will be busy for some time now.

Rev. A. Burgess, of Greensboro, arrived yesterday and is preaching at 3 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. daily. Increasing congregations are enjoying his spiritual messages. About 75 were at the early morning service. The entire town is invited to come and cooperate in this effort.

### To Honor Host of Sun

The first new grocery store was conducted in connection with the one in which the... (text continues)

### B. Y. P. U. ELECTS ALL OLD OFFICERS

Randolph Well Represented At  
Convention in High Point—  
Miss Frazier Re-Elected.

Asheboro and Randolph county were well represented at the Piedmont Association B. Y. P. U. convention which met in the First Baptist Church, High Point, last Saturday and Sunday, April 25th and 26th.

The program as planned and carried out by these young people was both inspiring and practical. Among those having a place on the program was Rev. B. E. Morris, pastor of the Asheboro Baptist church, who gave a most interesting talk on "The relation of the church to the B. Y. P. U." Rev. W. A. Elam, of Rameur; Rev. W. K. Collins, of High Point; E. E. White, of Greensboro; and Dr. Lloyd T. Wilson, pastor of the First Baptist church, High Point, were among others who had places on the program.

### HENRY BRANSON VARNER Sportsmen Organize a Rod and Gun Club Here

Has Membership of Twenty With Dr.  
Presnell For President—Lease  
Pond on Polecat Creek.

The Polecat Rod and Gun Club with a membership of twenty was organized among the sportsmen in Asheboro last week. The club has leased the pond on Polecat creek belonging to the Leward cotton mills, nine miles from Asheboro and one mile east of Randleman. With the pond the club has leased a farm of about 85 acres. The house on the farm will be used as a club house. A caretaker will be in charge of the property. The pond will be stocked with fish by the club.

The membership of the club is as follows: Dr. O. L. Presnell, president; Dr. John Swain, vice president; E. D. Cranford, secretary and treasurer; and J. M. Scarborough, W. H. Moring, W. A. Coffin, C. M. Fox, E. L. Hedrick, E. T. Walton, Z. H. Rush, Dr. W. L. Lambert, L. L. Whitaker, Dr. J. G. Crutcher, C. H. Wood, Pearl Osborne, C. M. Kivett, C. C. Cranford, G. W. Hayworth, J. T. Winslow, and L. D. Burkhead.

### BAPTIST NEWS LETTER

Pastor and family have as visitors this week Mrs. M. I. Abernathy and daughter, Ruby, mother and sister of Mrs. Morris.

Several of our young people attended the Piedmont Association B. Y. P. U. Convention held at the First Baptist church, High Point, last Saturday and Sunday.

The pastor and family with their guests were out to supper Monday evening of this week in the home of C. G. Frazier, Sr.

Plans are now being made for our revival which is to begin June 7th. Mr. A. E. Lynch and wife of Buie's Creek have been secured to direct the music for the meeting. Let us begin to pray and work for a great meeting. Sunday's subjects: Morning, "The Desire of All Nations"; Evening, "Faith, a Basic Element in Salvation".

### Play at Farmer

"The Battle of Rolling Stones" is a farce-comedy in one act and "dat famous chicken debate" on the question, Resolved that it aint no crime to steal a chicken, will be presented Saturday night at the Farmer high school auditorium. An admission fee will be charged.

### GOVERNOR NAMES MEMBERS OF JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

Governor McLean on Monday announced the appointment of one member of the bar from each of the twenty judicial districts in the State as members of the first judicial conference, an organization created by the 1925 session of the General Assembly. The conference is composed of all the judges of the Supreme and Superior court benches and one lawyer from each district.

In the list of appointees, sixteen are democrats and four republicans. The act under which the judicial conference was created provides for a continuous study of organization, rules and methods of the judicial system of the State and the practical workings and results produced by the system.

The Governor's appointees from this judicial district is A. H. Fries, republican, of Salisbury.

### Mrs. Julia Plummer Dies At Ripe Old Age

Mrs. Julia Plummer, aged 73 years, died at her home near Fullers April 25th. She was the widow of the late John R. Plummer, who died a number of years ago. Mrs. Plummer was highly honored and respected by all who knew her. She was a woman of many lovable traits of character.

She is survived by seven children. The oldest, E. P. Plummer, resided with his mother. The others are Charles, Clifford and Frank Plummer, and Mrs. Rose Kearns, of High Point; Mrs. Anna Kearns, Farmer; and Mrs. J. M. Varner, of Concord. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. T. R. Gledhill, of High Point; and a brother, George, of Morris, of Italy, Texas.

The funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the... (text continues)

### SAMUEL FRANKLIN PUGH DIED SUDDENLY FRIDAY

Was 81 Years of Age—Funeral  
At Gray's Chapel Sunday  
Morning.

Samuel Franklin Pugh died suddenly at his home three miles east of Randleman last Friday, at the age of 81 years.

Mr. Pugh was a consistent member of Gray's Chapel M. P. church and was a Confederate veteran. He was an honest, upright citizen and held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Mr. Pugh was twice married, first to Miss Martha Elizabeth Smith, who preceded him to the grave three years ago. To this union ten children were born. His second marriage was to Sarah Millikan, who with eight children survive: Five sons, Linsay, of Gray's Chapel, Theodore, of Asheboro Route 1, Sam and Clark, of Millboro, three daughters, Mrs. Robt. Lineberry, of Gray's Chapel, Mrs. Mike Ward, of Millboro Route 1, and Mrs. R. D. Underwood, of Asheboro, 42 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren. He was the grandfather of our townsman, Mr. Jesse Pugh.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Linley, of Liberty, at Gray's Chapel, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

### People's Store Enlarged

An extension is being made to the Allen building in which the People's Store, under the management of Mr. L. K. Anders, has recently opened. The store is already well equipped but when additional space is added Mr. Anders expects to put in ladies' ready to wear and millinery department, which will be in the new part. It will also contain a ladies' rest room. A complete line of men's and boys' clothing and a full line of dry goods, shoes and notions will also be carried in stock.

### HOPE TO ENLARGE RANDOLPH FAIR

Invite Adjoining Counties To  
Take Part—Fair To Be Held  
At New Fair Grounds.

A news story under an Asheboro date line in the Greensboro News last Friday announced that fairs held in Chatham, Montgomery and Davidson counties would be consolidated with the Randolph county fair, making it a four-county proposition. Mrs. E. Linsay, secretary of the Chatham county fair in a letter to the News Monday denies there will be any consolidation.

### New Power Line

Messrs. C. J. and I. N. Cox, of Greensboro, who own and operate a power plant on Deep River below Central Falls are extending their power line into Asheboro, coming down Route No. 70. Power has been brought as far as King Tut filling station about two miles north of Asheboro, and poles are being put up northward on Route 70 in order to furnish light and power to residences along the road. Poles have also been placed from King Tut into the corporate limits of Asheboro.

### Engineer Adams Returns to Asheboro

Engineer Haywood Adams, who was on the run from Asheboro to High Point twenty-five years ago, is again on this run, temporarily. Mr. Adams is a brother of Engineer John Adams who ran the first train to Asheboro July Fourth, 1889. Mr. Adams married Miss Cordelia Woodell, a daughter of the late A. J. Woodell.

### S. S. WORKERS IN ANNUAL SESSION

Opening Session in Greensboro  
Tuesday Night—Will Last  
Through Today.

The North Carolina Sunday School Association is in session in the First Baptist church in Greensboro this week. There are probably fifteen hundred delegates in attendance. The meeting opened Tuesday with a Workers Conference. Miss Esther Ross, of Asheboro, presided over the primary division and Mr. H. B. Moore, formerly of Rameur but now of Greensboro, over the conference for adults. The convention has for its theme "Cooperation". Among the speakers are Miss Meme Brockway, of Philadelphia, director of children's work of the Northern Baptist church; Dr. Percy R. Haywood, of Chicago, young peoples division superintendent of the International Council of religious education; and Dr. Charles W. Brewbaker, of Dayton, Ohio, general secretary of Sunday school work of the United Brethren church. Each speaker is pointing out the opportunities for service in the various departments of the Sunday schools and especially emphasizing the needs of training children in the Sunday school for service. The convention will continue through today. A number of delegates from the various churches in Asheboro are in attendance.

Confederate Veterans Will Be Entertained May 9th By Randolph Chapter U. D. C.

The Confederate Veterans of Randolph county will be guests of the Randolph Chapter U. D. C. Saturday, May 9th, instead of May tenth as in the usual custom. The tenth of May coming on Sunday causes the change of date. The Confederate camp will meet in the M. E. church at ten o'clock. At eleven o'clock an interesting program will begin. The children of the Confederacy will take part. A dinner will be served to the veterans, their wives, or any member of their family who accompanies them. Following the dinner the veterans, the members of the Randolph Chapter U. D. C., and the Children chapter will march to the cemetery where the graves of soldiers of the Civil and World wars will be decorated. Every soldier in the county is especially urged to come and participate in the celebration.

### Mrs. J. E. Walker Is Improving

Mrs. J. E. Walker, who has been seriously ill at her home in North... (text continues)

### OUR FARMERS BUY PUREBRED CATTLE

Randolph Farmers Get 17 of the  
Thirty Guerneys Sold Here  
Last Friday.

Seventeen of the thirty pure bred Guerneys cattle sold at auction by the North Carolina Guerneys Breeders Association at the old fair ground in Asheboro Friday afternoon were bought by Randolph county farmers. Twelve went to farmers in Davidson and Guilford counties and one to Davie county. The farm demonstrator of Davie county bid off one of the cows for the Davie county home. County agent Sheffield of Davidson was at the sale with a number of Davidson county farmers, who got their share of the purebreds.

Ten bulls were bought by the following Randolph farmers: E. L. Slack, Seagrave; E. F. Bulla, Asheboro, Route 2; C. L. Kivett, Staley; J. A. Ashworth, Asheboro, Route 3; E. C. Byrd, Rameur, Route 1; L. C. Frazier, Franklinville; J. F. Powell, Sophia; Levi Henley, Seagrave; W. W. Staley, Erect; and T. A. Craven, Rameur, Route 1. The other five went to purchasers living outside the county. The total derived from the sale of the bulls was \$1167.50, or an average of \$77.83 per head.

Cows or heifers were bought by P. S. Lawrence, of Seagrave; I. D. Poe, Staley; M. C. Auman, Seagrave; C. L. Kivett, Staley; A. J. Macon, Farmer; and O. C. Marsh, of Randleman, who purchased two. The other eight went to Davidson and Guilford counties. The cows and heifers brought \$2,434, or an average per head of \$162.27.

The sale was a success in every way. The association was pleased with the prices brought and the interest in the sale and the purchasers of the purebreds are more than pleased with their buys. The sale was slow, but towards the last the bidding was brisk and all the cattle were easily sold.

The sale was the culmination of several months' work on the part of county agent Millsaps who has been preaching pure bred cattle to the farmers of the county for several years. More recently, however, he has secured the services of cattle experts to help him in bringing before the farmers of the county the advantages to be derived from the keeping of pure bred cattle. Not many weeks ago he secured the services of Mr. Bates, dairy cattle specialist of the Southern Railway, who went with Mr. Millsaps to many places in the county to conduct meetings in the interest of pure bred cattle.

### NOMINATE MR. J. R. COMER FOR MAYOR OF SEAGROVE

Citizens Held Meeting Last  
Thursday Night—Boosting  
Committee Named.

A meeting of the citizens of Seagrave was held in the school building April 24, for the purpose of nominating a town ticket for the election to be held on May 5th. Mr. E. B. Leach was elected temporary chairman and B. H. McCarn temporary secretary. The following officers were nominated: J. R. Comer, mayor; for commissioners, Frank Auman, O. D. Lawrence, W. D. Lemons, D. J. Johnson and J. S. Richardson.

A boosting committee for Seagrave was elected consisting of the following business men: D. A. Cornelison, J. R. Comer, E. B. Leach, D. J. Johnson and Carl King. The prospects for the growth of Seagrave are very encouraging, and it is hoped that this committee may be successful in persuading some interested manufacturing firms to locate here. The town is assured of electric lights in the near future and this will be a great enticement for manufacturers contemplating location here.

Several interesting speeches were made showing that the citizens of Seagrave are interested in the betterment of our little town and we feel sure that there is going to be a marked improvement within a short time. B. H. McCarn.

### Miss Nell D. Armfield Dead

Miss Nell D. Armfield, principal of the South school in Statesville, died Sunday night from the effects of kidney trouble. She was the daughter of the late C. H. Armfield and a granddaughter of the late Judge R. F. Armfield. She is survived by two brothers, Frank Armfield, of Statesville, and Alfred Armfield, of Seattle, Washington.

### Studebaker Representative Will Open Office in Asheboro

Mr. Wythe Long, representative of the Gate City Motor Company, of Greensboro, will open an office at the Davis Motor Company in Asheboro and will sell Studebaker cars. Mr. Long is the son of Dr. J. W. Long, of Greensboro, and a native Randolph county man. He has many friends throughout the county and he is to be congratulated upon coming to a community, in which a car is as popular as is the Studebaker.

### James C. Smith, aged 85 years, died at his home six miles east of Siler City, in Chatham county, Saturday morning from septic poisoning following wounds received about two weeks ago when he was gored by an angry bull.

### GERMAN PEOPLE ELECT HINDENBURG PRESIDENT

Famous Field Marshal Wins  
Election by Huge Majority  
—Causes Uneasiness.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg, 78 years of age and life-long soldier, was last week elected president of Germany by a majority of over 850,000 votes. Hindenburg is the first president of Germany to be chosen by a popular vote. His adherence to the cause of the exiled Emperor Wilhelm and his monarchist tendencies causes some uneasiness among many of the nations of the world. He is, however, the idol of the German people, who look upon him as the great war hero.

His name is familiar in America if for no other reason than its association with the famous Hindenburg line, which the soldiers of the 30th division broke on September 29th.

Hindenburg first saw service in the war against Austria in 1866, again in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870, and again in the World War. He conquered the Russians at Tannenberg and at Masurian lakes and was made a marshal of the German Empire and transferred to the Western front.

### MRS. MARTHA E. RAGAN DIED MONDAY NIGHT

Mrs. Martha E. Ragan, widow of Amos Ragan, who died in 1902, died at her home three miles south of High Point on the Asheboro-High Point road following a sudden attack of heart disease. Mrs. Ragan was born near Trinity February 18, 1837, a daughter of Thomas and Mildred Tomlinson English, and one of a family of six children. On November 17, 1859, she was married to Amos Ragan. To this union were born thirteen children, eight of whom survive.

She was a woman of unusual qualities of mind and spirit. As a Christian she was loyal to high ideals of conduct and devoted to the interests of Springfield church of which she was a member.

Surviving her are three daughters, Mrs. E. T. Harmon, Mrs. G. H. Kearns, and Mrs. Annie Armfield, all of High Point; five sons, E. L. Ragan, R. B. Ragan, and J. L. Ragan, of High Point; Horace Ragan, of Archdale; and A. H. Ragan, of Thomasville; and two sisters, Miss Venie English, of Trinity, and Mrs. Robert Harden, of Greensboro.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday morning at the Springfield Friends church.

### Music Contest At School Building

A music contest in which thirty nine contestants were enrolled was enjoyed at the school building Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. W. H. Moring, in order to encourage Hymn Playing among the music pupils in the Asheboro school, has offered prizes for two consecutive years. The contestants were divided into two groups, high school pupils and those in the lower grades. Miss Blanche Spencer won the prize in the high school group while Waldo Cheek won in the group of younger pupils. The former played "Onward Christian Soldiers" and the latter "Have Thine Own Way Lord".

The entire list of contestants acquitted themselves with pride and reflected credit upon their teachers, Misses Bertie May and Nannie Bulla.

### Series of Meetings in Methodist Episcopal Church

A series of meetings is in progress in the Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. A. Burgess, of Greensboro, is assisting the pastor, Rev. W. H. Willis, in the meetings. There are two services each day, in the morning at 8 a. m. and in the evening at 7:30 p. m. The services are well attended and the ministers are preaching the real gospel. Everybody is invited to attend.

### List of Books Now In The Asheboro Library

Library Committee of Local Graded  
School Library Furnishes Names  
of Books.

As promised we are naming you a few of the books which are in our library at present:

The works of Mark Twain.  
The Pansy books.  
Kate Douglas Wiggin's books.  
The Waverly books.  
The Books of Knowledge.  
The Home and School Library.  
Last Days of Pompeii, Lytton.  
Scottish Chiefs, Porter.  
Little Lord Fauntleroy, Burnett.  
The Mansion, Henry Van Dyke.  
The Pinocchio books.  
Poems of Scott, Tennyson, Byron, and Emerson.  
The lives of Stanley, David Livingstone, Sir Frances Drake, Lord Clive and Columbus.

A splendid number of European histories.

Following is a list of books which we should like to have in our library:

Charles Dickens's Works.  
James Oliver Curwood's Works.  
Rover Boys Series.  
Swift Books for Boys.  
Little Women; An Old Fashioned Girl; Under the Lilacs; Eight Cousins; and Little Men by Louise M. Alcott.

For the Honor of the School, Captain of the Crew, and The Halfback by R. H. Harbour.

Master Skylark by John Bennett.

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### MR. D. B. McCRARY NAMED AS MAYOR

Citizens Meeting Tuesday Night  
Names Non-Partisan Ticket  
—Town Election May 5th.

Agreeable to custom a citizens mass meeting was held in the courthouse Tuesday night for the purpose of nominating a citizen's ticket for mayor of Asheboro and five members of the board of town commissioners. Mr. J. O. Redding presided over the meeting and W. A. Lovett and Shafter Ferree acted as secretaries. The business of the meeting was conducted smoothly and there was no opposition to any of the candidates nominated.

D. B. McCrary was nominated for mayor by acclamation upon motion of Arthur Ross. Mr. McCrary succeeds J. A. York, who has been mayor of the town since the resignation of Mr. Ross, who relinquished the office to become State Senator. Mr. York declined to allow his name to be brought up for nomination to succeed himself.

Two members of the old board, E. T. Walton and C. M. Hayworth, were nominated to succeed themselves as commissioners. It being understood that the other members of the old board would not permit their names to be considered for the places, S. W. Presnell, George T. Murdock and Wiley Ward were named and their nomination as well as that of the other members was made by acclamation.

The town election will be held next Tuesday, May 5th. No opposition is anticipated to the ticket nominated Tuesday night.

### CONVENTION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS AT PINEHURST

Twenty-Third Annual Conven-  
To Be Held May 4, 5, and  
6—Conferences.

The 23rd Annual Convention of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs will meet at the Carolina hotel, in Pinehurst, May 4 to 6, inclusive. The executive board, trustees and directors will meet on Monday. The opening session will be in the ball room of the hotel Monday evening. The keynote of the convention will be "The American Home." Several breakfast and luncheon conferences appear on the program, among which are:

Tuesday, 8:00 a. m.—District Presidents—Mrs. Thomas O'Berry presiding.

Tuesday, 8:00 a. m.—Presidents of Literature Clubs and Chairmen of Literature Departments—Miss Marion Blair, presiding.

Luncheon 1:00 p. m.—Household Economics—Mrs. Rosalind Redfern, presiding.

Luncheon 1:00 p. m.—Art, Music—Joint hostesses—Mrs. R. L. Gwyn, Mrs. E. E. Randolph.

Wednesday, 8:00 a. m.—Presidents of Departmental Clubs—Mrs. Chas. Z. Whitaker, presiding.

Wednesday, 8:00 a. m.—Education—Civics—Joint hostesses: Mrs. H. W. Chase, Mrs. R. M. Page.

Luncheon 1:00 p. m.—Health, Public Welfare, Joint hostesses—Mrs. R. L. Allen, Mrs. W. T. Shore.

Luncheon 1:00 p. m.—Press—Mrs. J. Henry Highsmith, presiding.

Wednesday at 6 p. m. there will be a Federation dinner at the Carolina Hotel, to which all delegates and visiting club women are eligible.

### CLEAN UP WEEK A DECIDED SUCCESS

More Generally Observed Than  
Ever Before in History of  
The Town.

The clean up campaign which was put on last week in Asheboro was outstanding success, and the townsfolk were to be congratulated upon it. The town trucks and trash wagons hauled trash for four consecutive days and were barely able to finish the job. The town officials say that clean up week this spring was more generally observed than ever before in the history of the town. Many back lots, vacant lots and side streets were cleaned up and these present an entirely different appearance this week.

The citizens and property owners of the town should always endeavor to keep their premises clean and by so doing not only enhance the value of the property but also assist in safeguarding the health of the people of the town.

However, if there are those who did not take advantage of clean up last week have plenty of time to do it this week. Premises should be spotlessly clean before summer sets in. Those who didn't have time to clean up during the campaign would do well to take Saturday afternoon off and put their premises in good condition.

Clean up days should apply to the country as well as the town. Nothing adds more to the appearance of a farm than clean premises. One can almost always judge the kind of farmer a man is by looking at his farm and the grounds around the home and outbuildings. If everything is clean and you can always see the owner of the farm down the road, the farmer is led to think that his farm and business are in good shape.

According to statistics, the 1925 clean up week in the United States was the most successful in its history.