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"If We Buy From Your Shelves, You Buy From Our Farms."

We have a letter from a Southern farmer now before us which sheds a strong light on the situation. "I hauled a load of hay to my home town," the writer tells us, "but the merchants wouldn't even make me a price on it. They said, we don't want your wagon of hay, because we buy our hay in carload lots from the West. And yet they say we do wrong when we send our money North and West to buy bargains from mail order houses. We are simply feeding them out of their spoon."

Now we hope any merchant who reads this article will not throw the paper down and say the farmer was wrong. It's a case where merchant and farmer should come together and reason together. It seems to us a reasonable demand which farmers make of merchants when they say, "If we buy from your shelves, you buy from our farms. If we buy from Southern merchants, you buy from Southern farmers."

Here, it seems to us, is a great chance for co-operation for the mutual benefit of farmer and merchant. It will certainly help the merchant to keep in the community the money which he has been sending North and West for meat, corn, oats, flour, hay, lard, etc., etc. His patrons will become richer and give him larger trade.

And we repeat that it is the duty of the merchant to encourage this result. As we have said before, the merchant in the rural South has performed only half his function when he has arranged for farmers to pay him a profit on what he has to sell. It is also his duty to find a market for what they have to sell, and he cannot demand that they serve him unless he also serves them. And he ought to serve them not merely in taking their cotton, a service in which he usually takes little trouble and makes a fair profit, but it will pay him to serve them by finding markets for farm products in cases where it means that he must do intelligent and active hustling to effect results.—The Progressive Farmer.

"Peace on Earth, Good Will To Men"

The writer has lived both in town and country, and we fear sometimes that country people are less forgiving and more inclined to cherish grudges or suspicions than townspeople. This does not mean that townspeople are any better than country people, for in many respects they are worse. It does seem, however, as if the more isolated lives of our country people make for suspicion, distrust, and prejudice against one's neighbors. It was a wise saying of some philosopher, "Know one another and you will love one another." Let people meet together frequently so they can talk over differences and each get the others viewpoint, and each will have more respect for the other. Where each man dwells and works to himself it is easier to distrust the other man. At any rate we fear there are few things today that are doing

more to hinder happiness and progress in country communities than the absence of just this hearty good will among neighbors. Search your own heart therefore, Kind Readers, as if before the Master you profess to serve, and purge it of all bitterness and malice; and have the courage, too, to go and be reconciled to the man with whom you have disagreed.

Nor should you be content merely not to bear ill will toward any neighbor. You should have positive good will instead. Most of all guard yourself against that meanest of sins, the sin of envy. When you see a man getting ahead, doing something better perhaps than you would have done it—for Heaven's sake join the generous, broad-minded group who praise him, and not the little, narrow, peevish brood of do-nothing fault-finders who, envious of the good name he has won, prefer to drag him down rather than pull themselves up. There are thousands and thousands of neighborhoods in the South today that are virtually famishing for lack of leadership; and yet too often when a young man or an older man attempts to lead a forward movement, he is not supported. Oliver Wendell Holmes said once that there are just two classes of men, those who go ahead and do something and those who sit still and say, "Why wasn't it done the other way?" God pity a neighborhood in which practically everybody is in the latter class—though even if that be the case the true leader will nevertheless keep on fighting.

Good-will, good will—it is indeed one of the crying needs of our time. As a rule a man reveals his own character by his estimate of others. The man who loves other men is likely to be a man himself worth loving. The man who distrusts other men is usually a man who is himself to be distrusted. As a rule it may be said that we may trust the man who trusts and doubt the man who doubts.

And in order to promote good will get your neighbors together—in churches, Sunday Schools, farmers' clubs, cooperative societies, and get them together as often as possible as visitors one family to another.

Finally as a practical exercise in good will let us suggest just this New Year resolution; that during 1915 you will seize every opportunity to speak a word of praise for every neighbor you have and try to help every one who has done a worthy thing,—beginning, of course, by making friends with any man from whom you may have been heretofore estranged.

Let's live good will as well as profess it! There's no other way to "keep Christmas"—the Christmas spirit—always in our hearts!—Clarence Poe, in The Progressive Farmer.

Fiddlers' Convention To Be Held at Macedonia.

A Fiddlers' Convention will be given at the Macedonia School House on Friday evening January 23rd for the benefit of the school. Admission 10 and 15c. Refreshments served.

Chatauqua Festival To Be In Edenton.

It Is Coming!

What is coming? A winter Chatauqua Festival.

What is this festival? What does it consist of?

It consists of several high grade concerts and entertainments consisting of fun, music, mystery, magic and dramatic readings.

It consists of several lectures humorous, instructive and inspiring.

Where is this festival coming to? It is coming to our town, and for us our town ought to be the best in the world. It is not often that things as good as this come to towns the size of ours. Many other towns where this festival has been held have made great preparations for its coming and have given it an enthusiastic reception. They have filled their largest auditoriums to overflowing. They have loudly praised its mission, its value and its uplift.

What is its mission?

To entertain, instruct and inspire on a high level. To awaken the people, to give them larger visions and loftier ideals of life and conduct, to awaken a community interest and to create a channel for its expression, to put influence on the constructive forces and institutions of our town, to strengthen the work of the homes, the churches, the schools.

Where does this festival come from?

It comes from Washington the Capital of the nation. It is under the management of the Radcliffe Bureau, which has projected this broad program of community interest and has made it possible for the smaller towns to secure it. In the large cities we would pay as much for one number as this whole course is costing us.

This program will discuss some of the great constructive forces of civilization, some of the great achievements of humanity and some of the great problems of the twentieth century.

The important thing for us now is, will our citizens come to the help of the few public spirited men who have become guarantors for its financial success, come to the meetings and make them the power they ought to be, come as boosters for our own town and its welfare, come to help form the organizations that ought to grow out of it, come to take the necessary steps to make it an annual event and thus to both conserve and develop the influence that it is setting on foot wherever it has gone and which it will undoubtedly do here.

Let us do the things that will put our town far to the front among those who have made it a success and who have so heartily arranged to have it return for next year. If we make this a success we will feel well with ourselves and be proud of our city. Let us think success, plan for success, and work for success and we will succeed. We are coming.

Patrons of the Chatauqua or Mid-Winter Festival.

F. W. Hobbs, J. O. Alderman, J. N. Pruden, R. G. White, E. G. Bond, R. G. Holland, H. C. Privott, M. F. Bond, Jr., Wm. J. Leary, Sr., L. A. Kramer, R. H. Bachman, R. W. Sessoms, D. B. Liles, I. J. Rogers, W. S. Privott, Mrs. W. M. Bond, W. A. Everett, E. M. Gordy, F. M. Bond, G. W. Goodwin, T. E. White, R. W. Boyce, M. G. Brown, Julien Wood, Jr., S. C. Mills, H. H. Preston, J. W. Warren, Mrs. Wm. Badham, C. S. Vann, W. J. Berryman, E. C. Bea, J. R. McMullan, D. M. Warren, N. B. Hutchinson, J. H. Holmes, T. Cheers, W. H. Ward, J. C. Dail, Chas. H. Wood, Mrs. W. D. Pruden, W. S. Harney, J. N. Elliott, J. A. Mitchener, J. G. Wood, Sr., Jno. C. Bond, A. R. Nicholson, Jno. M. Bond, J. H. Tucker, W. T. Satterfield, C. N. Griffin, W. J. Morris, E. I. Warren, M. H. Dixon, Jr., E. C. Conger, C. E. Kramer, Rube Madrin, H. R. Leary, J. G. Small, E. L. Wells, A. T. Baker, P. D. Woodall, N. J. Hollowell, A. M. Forehand, Alice M. Gason, Horton Corwin, Jr., L. Wiggins, Jno. B. Wheeler, Dr. E. J. Griffin, M. A. Hughes, Miss Gertrude Moore, Julien Wood, C. F. Russell, H. G. Wood, X. E. Copeland, W. A. Leggett, Walter S. White, J. K. Rea, Thos. W. Elliott, H. W. Bowen, Mrs. L. D. Bond, O. C. Byrum, J. M. Jones, Mrs. P. Matthews, W. H. Clark, Robt. B. Drane, T. C. Byrum, R. L. Pratt, A. Nejam, Willis Owens, R. L. Rogerson, W. E. Morgan, J. D. Elliott, Frank Wood, Barlow Harrell, J. M. Vail, A. G. Fearington, Roy Leary. (Names to be continued.)

Hertford High School Protests Against Game Played with Edenton.

Jan. 9th, 1915.

The Editor, The Observer: The manager of the Hertford High School basketball team has protested the game played in Edenton last Thursday, on the grounds that the team opposing them was not composed of High School players. The protested players are E. L. Jones, B. Jones and C. Edwards.

The promotion of school athletics, by contests of various kinds with neighboring schools is an excellent thing, and an end for which a number of the State Educational workers are now striving.

For this reason, basket-ball was introduced in the Hertford schools this year. The Hertford boys had played but two games on outdoor courts when the game with Edenton was scheduled. It was their first experience on an indoor court, and probably not more than one of the team had ever even seen a game of this kind. To be opposed by a town team of experienced players was a very discouraging thing, and the boys would never have arranged the game had they expected that

kind of treatment. We have no protest to make against the team, and I, personally, enjoyed watching their fast floor work. However, it is hardly the right thing for a team of this kind to represent themselves as a High School team and secure games with other school teams. It is far more sportsman-like to sail under your own colors, and much better for the interests of school athletics to discourage the practice of playing so called "ringers."

The Hertford High School has been matched for a debate with the Edenton High School sometime in March. Our debaters have never even heard a debate, yet the match with the Edenton High School will give them some of that experience, and tend to broaden their views, and that is just what the State is working for in arranging these contests. It would be a loss to our school not to enter the debate, simply because we have no experience. If we are defeated, we gain as much as if we came off victorious, that is from the experience and broadening side, yet it would be very discouraging if we found our team opposed by practicing lawyers, representing themselves as High School students.

I think the same thing should hold good in athletic contests. As a visiting team, our boys were given a good reception, excellent accommodations provided, and the officials of the game were above question. The Edenton team understood the game and more than outclassed our boys, and they were able to learn a good deal about the finger points of the game.

However the "ringer" practice, lends a professional taint to the contest, that has been so injurious to school athletics.

Very truly yours,
LOUIS R. CRAWFORD.

Edenton and Eden's Tomb.

Charles Eden, governor of the Colony of North Carolina, died 26th of March 1722 and was buried in Bertie county, N. C., on the Eden House Farm.

On 30th of March 1722 this town was named Edenton. In 1889 his tomb with its contents, together with the remains of his wife, Penelope, was removed to St. Paul's church yard, Edenton, and given a conspicuous place, midway between the south gate and the church, on the left hand as one enters. It is now one of a number of interesting tombs (of Walker, Moseley, Wilkinson, Pollock, Cabarrus, Bradley) which were likewise removed from neglected and abused spots to this sacred place.

These graves are always sought by intelligent visitors and their inscriptions studied. And often am I asked to explain certain mutilations of the stones. Evidently the "tooth of time" is responsible for some of these, and the vandalism of man for some.

And now the "Piety" (good old English word) of the descendants of Col. Thomas Pollock is going to replace on his tombstone the missing piece inscribed with his crest or coat of arms; and now I make bold to ask Edentonians to replace on Eden's tomb the missing crest which

will renew an important feature and will restore the monument to its original design.

Already, in this department, has the Penelope Barker Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution done good work in the Tablets marking notable buildings in Edenton. It is historical and educational and it is creditable to the good old town.

The inscription on Eden's tombstone concludes with something in the Latin language which may freely be Englished:

"He lives after Burial Whom Virtue Not Marble Commemorates."

It is a fine sentiment: We admire it. But, since Eden has a Tombstone here (and we are partly responsible for its being here) we want to take care of it and of Eden's memory at the same time: We want to do something of Virtue's part, in this connection!

Twenty-five dollars are needed for this purpose.

Respectfully,
ROBT. B. DRANE.

Edenton, N. C.,
8th January 1915.

Edenton Quint Defeats Hertford

In a fast and well played game of basket ball the local High School quint vanquished the five of the Hertford High School by the score of 25 to 3.

From the first it was clearly seen that the visitors were out-classed, and as the game progressed this fact became more and more evident. The Hertford team was badly lacking in practice and were unable to check the smooth working Edwards-Jones combination which scored goals almost at will. The entire Edenton team played brilliantly, the goal shooting of E. L. Jones and the all round defensive work of Edwards and B. Jones standing out prominently.

In order to clear up any misunderstanding that may arise, we wish to make an explanation why all receipts taken in at the door were returned to the spectators. Unknown to the local team that in order to charge admission to the game it would be necessary to pay a license tax, a few spectators paid admission. Being informed by an officer that this tax must be paid before the game could be started and being unable to pay this tax, all money taken in at the door was refunded and a collection taken up afterwards. We would like also to state that all receipts above actual expenses from this and all other games in the future will be turned over to the Edenton High School Library Fund.

We would like to arrange games with the teams of the neighboring towns playing local boys without college experience.

The line-up was as follows:
Hertford. Position. Edenton.
Winslow B. E. Jones, B.
Edwards, J. L. F. Hollowell,
Elliott C. Edwards, C.
White L. G. Conger, C.
Berry R. G. Jones, B.
Summary: Goals from field, Edenton: Edwards, B. Jones, B. 2, Jones, E. L. 7. Hertford: 0. Goals from fouls, Edenton: Edwards 1; Hertford: Winslow 3. 20 minute halves. Attendance 200. Officials: Referee, Jones of Edenton; Umpire, Bond of Edenton; Time-keeper, White of Mann Hill; Scorer, Crommer of Hertford.