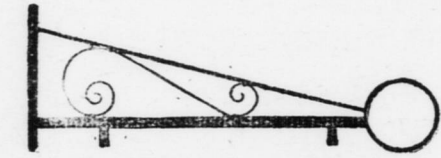


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Old Piedmont Garage, Next to Knitting Mill.
Cherry Mountain St.
FOREST CITY, N. C.



Are you nervous?

Do you become irritated at trifles, start at sudden noises, lie awake nights? Your nerves are out of order.

If you neglect them you may have nervous exhaustion, hysteria, nervous indigestion or serious organic trouble.

Dr. Miles' Nervine will help you. Try just one bottle. We'll refund your money if it doesn't relieve you.

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This is Different

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**Defective Elimination
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The action of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) is more natural and thorough. The effects will be a revelation—you will feel so good. Make the test. You will appreciate this difference.

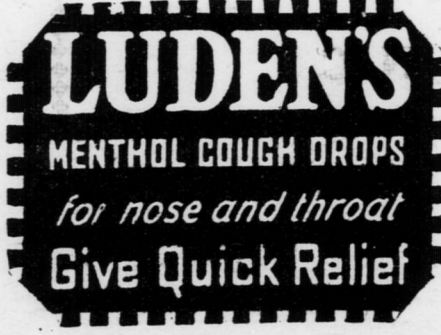
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Chips off the Old Block

NR JUNIORS—Little NRs
The same NR—in one-third doses, candy-coated. For children and adults.

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for nose and throat
Give Quick Relief

**MISS FLOSSIE DEL DAVIS
MARRIES CLYDE C. SORRELS**

Rutherfordton, Dec. 27.—The following announcements have been received in the county:

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Davis announce the marriage of their daughter, Flossie Del, to Clyde C. Sorrels, on Wednesday, December 24, of Orangeburg, S. C.

It was a quite home wedding, Rev. Paul C. Bolin, pastor and uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony in the presence of friends and relatives.

Mrs. Sorrels is a graduate of Orangeburg college and has been studying at George Peabody college for teachers, Nashville, Tenn. She will get an A. B. degree there later. Mr. and Mrs. Sorrels plan to get their degrees together.

Mrs. Sorrels is charming and talented. She will have charge of mathematics and English at Gilkey Consolidated school this spring and will teach a course in dramatics and expression.

Mr. Sorrels is the oldest living son of Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Sorrels, of Gilkey. He is principal of Gilkey Consolidated school, one of the best in the county. He is an ex-service man, having served one and a half years in the world war. He was in the reclamation service after the war. He spent two years at Wake Forest college and one year at George Peabody. He was French teacher in the Aycock Graded school at Haw river last year.

THE CONSUMER BENEFITS

No intelligent man today questions whether or not advertising pays. It must pay or the most successful business men in America would not spend millions upon millions of dollars in telling the public about the goods they sell.

But does it pay the consumer? is a question frequently asked. It certainly does.

It pays the consumer by giving him information about the merchandise he to buy. If he knows more about the goods he will need, he can make his money go farther.

But it pays him more indirectly because it is the cheapest, and most efficient agency for selling goods that has ever been discovered. Sales expense is a big item that enters into the price of any article. If the company must maintain a corps of salesmen on the road, spend huge sums of money in railroad fare, in hotel bills and in inflated salaries, it must charge more for the commodity.

But if it can reach its market by talking to thousands and millions of people through the pages of newspapers at a very small fraction of a cent per person, it can sell the article cheaper.

Many a company has changed its policy from selling through agents to selling direct by means of advertising. And if the right kind of advertising was used, these companies have always been able to cut their prices.

This is but one of a great many ways in which advertising actually cheapens the cost of the article to the consumer.

**NORTH CAROLINA GAINS
IN SMALL GRAIN VALUES**

North Carolina farmers realized \$4,000,000 more on their small grains this year than in 1923, according to the Agricultural Foundation, which reports that the national increase in grain values amount to \$550,000,000.

The half million bushel increase in the North Carolina wheat crop this year brought the value up to \$10,250,000 as compared with \$7,500,000 of 1923. The oat crop of this state this year is up to 6 million bushels as compared to the 5 million acreage with the result that farmers will have taken in 5 million dollars on this crop as compared with 3 1-2 millions the year before.

The yield per acre on corn in North Carolina the report states, dropped to 14.9 bushels per acre and the normal production of 60,000,000 bushel dropped off to 38,000,000 bushels this year. The wet days, on the other hand, were a great help to the wheat and oats production, the former rising to 12.1 bushels per acre as compared with 11.1 the year before, and the latter to 25.2 from 22 in 1923. The profit per bushel of wheat this year was 22 cents where a loss of 34 cents was taken last year and a 11 cent profit in oats for the 18 cent loss of the preceding year.

The increased yield per acre of small grain and the increased price per bushel on all grains has aided materially in restoring the farmer to a better financial basis, the Foundation report concludes. The higher prices have resulted in higher live stock prices and this has brought a new vitality to agriculture.

Another optimist is the one who thinks a borrowed book will be returned.

**OCRACOCKE IS A
VERY QUIET TOWN**

Crimes Are Unknown; Has Not Been An Arrest In Ten Years.

Ocracoke, Dec. 26.—Although this little town about a century and a half ago was the rendezvous of one of the world's most daring and famous gang of crooks—Edward Teach (Bluebeard) and his band—it is today one community which recent crime waves have not reached. There has not been an arrest here in more than ten years and the crimes of robbery, burglary, theft and murder are absolutely unknown to the population, insofar as they refer to Ocracoke.

John O'Neal, after holding office as Justice of the Peace of Ocracoke for eight years, resigned a year or more ago, not having had a criminal case during his administration. A successor has never been elected. Mr. O'Neal, who was born at Ocracoke, says the worst crime he can recall to have occurred at Ocracoke in 50 years was one of assault and battery.

There are only one or two homes here that have locks on the doors and the keys to those that are thus equipped are never used. Most of the houses at Ocracoke were wholly or partially constructed with lumber of ships which were wrecked on the treacherous shoals off the North Carolina coast. Every family here owns their home.

Ocracoke is at the extreme southern end of a little island by the same name, located about 30 miles off the mainland of North Carolina, and is unique in many respects. Ocracoke Island, which is part of Hyde county, North Carolina, is a little strip of land about 11 miles long and ranges in width from one half to one and half miles. The population of the island numbers about 700, about 650 of whom live at Ocracoke. Those who do not live in the little town are members of the families of coast guardsmen, who patrol the coast.

As there are no railroads, automobiles, street cars or theaters where motion pictures are shown, many of the inhabitants at Ocracoke have never seen any of these things. With the exception of the men employed by the United States Government as coast guardsmen and the few merchants in the little town, all Ocracokes make their living hunting and fishing.

Every person on Ocracoke Island is a Methodist in religion. They are divided, however, as the sectional branch to which they belong, about half being members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, while the others attend the Northern church.

Ocracoke is one of the oldest settlements in America. The people are believed by many historians to be descendants of the "Lost Colony" of Sir Walter Raleigh.

THE FRIENDLESS MAN

One of the very last editorials written by the late B. C. Ashcraft, editor of the Monroe Journal, was found in a drawer of his desk, and doubtless he intended using it in his paper the week he was stricken. It is as follows: "A man may be without money, he may not know where his next meal is to come from, his clothing may be worn and patched, yet if he has friends he will go down the street with a smile on his face and a song on his lips.

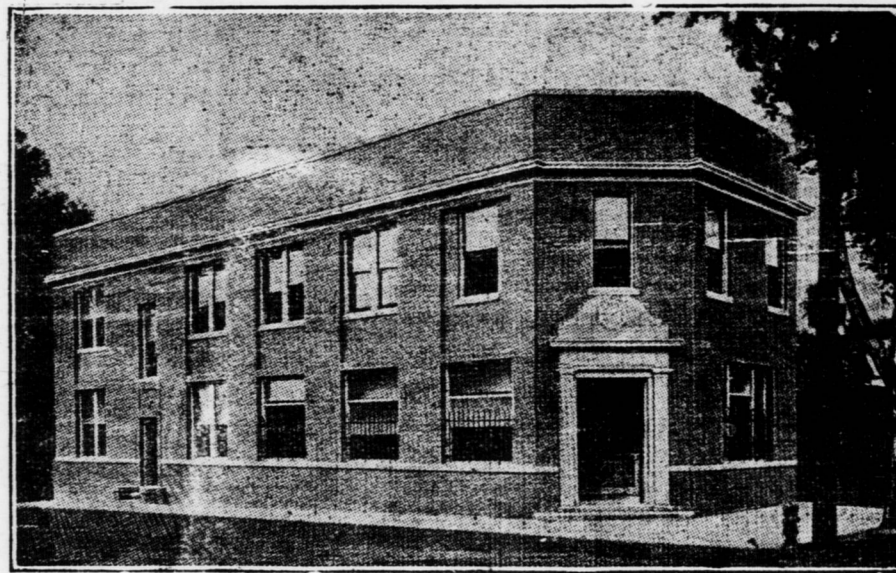
"A man may lose his wealth, wasting disease may lay him down and the skeleton hand of death may shake his hour glass in his face, yet if friends gather about his couch he will rejoice and be glad and die unafraid.

"But let a man believe he has no friends. Let him become convinced that in all the world there is for him no friendly heart, no hand or sympathy and love, life has no pleasure for him no matter what his financial condition or the state of his health. The thought more fraught with gloom and despair than was ever any other emanation of the human brain, 'I have no friend in all the wide world,' has caused the suicide's pistol to crack many a time, has often caused the cup of poison to be pressed with trembling hand to the lip, has caused many a child of dependency to leap from bridge or shore into the cold waters of forgetfulness.

"Make a man believe that he has no friends, that for him there is no friendly hand and you enshroud his soul in despair. Obsess his mind with the thought that he is friendless, that for him no sympathetic, helpful hand is extended and you bathe his soul in hell fire."

It doesn't do much good to tell a man to attend to his own business if he has no business to attend to.

Another unfortunate young man is the one whose girl's birthday comes during Christmas week.



**Can You Open 1925's
Treasure Chest?**

Wrapped up in the days of the New Year are opportunities for each one to get ahead in life—to reach some of the goals every ambitious person aims for.

Energy, honesty, skill, experience—these you need. But they are not all.

You need the confidence and the support of money in bank—a reserve of strength that will help you when your chance comes, if it is getting the home you want, or a share in business, or more land, or new equipment, or other things that cost money.

You will write your own record in 1925. May it be the kind you want and hope for—and may the New Year prove the best you have ever had!

**Farmers Bank and Trust
Company**

"A Roll of Honor Bank"

FOREST CITY

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"The Bank That Backs the Farmer"

**Total Resources
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