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THE AVERAGE MAN AND THE AUTOMOBILE.

A farmer called on a Danbury lawyer the other day to get advice about buying an automobile. The lawyer told him if he would increase his work-pace in the same proportion as the car was faster than the mule that, as a business proposition, it would pay to buy the car. The farmer left the lawyer's office sad and doubtful, and there is no evidence yet that he has bought.

The average man has no more business with a car than a hog has for Sunday, because the average man has not sufficient income to support his family and maintain a car. The average man's gross income is less than \$1200 per year, while his outgo is too much to have anything to support a car. The average expense of maintaining a car, counting gas, tires, repairs and lost time is \$1,000 per year.

The Reporter has always been an advocate of good roads, automobiles, and all things which make for better living. Especially have we always favored the farmer's owning a car, because no one needs a little pleasure and recreation from the monotony of work more than the farmer. But the reservation is implied, that no person should own a car whose income is insufficient to bear the expense attached.

The buying of automobiles by people who are not able to own them is certainly reaching a stage now that threatens the very life of our country, and if not checked will result seriously. Anybody now who can mortgage his property for enough to make an initial payment, can own a car, and this means that anybody has bought one. A fellow went into a Stokes county bank recently to borrow a small sum of money. The banker began to question him about security and found that the only property in God's world he owned was an automobile and a dog. He didn't have even a cow to furnish his children milk, nor a hog to supply his family with meat. But he had a Ford with a \$300.00 lien on it, and a hound which he priced at \$50.

Farmers with insufficient incomes to own a car are not alone; the average city fellow rides in a big blue limousine with a big black mortgage on it, and after insuring his life for a few thousand dollars, he is satisfied to live for the lodges, the laundries, the drug stores and the gas tanks. They absorb his salary.

Remember, we are not talking about you. We said average.

THE REAL PLAYGROUND OF NORTH CAROLINA.

If the plans of D. D. Smith materialize, North Carolina's real play-ground is about to be laid out on top of the Sauratown mountains about 5 miles west of Danbury. Smith is a Stokes county boy, reared in Meadows township, and was born about 43 years ago. Leaving home at an early age, he has spent the best of his youth in the West. Having accumulated some money, the innate love of the old North State brought him back, and home "his footsteps he hath turned from wandering o'er a foreign strand." One morning, admiring the beauty of the mountain range that stretched for 10 miles across his view, he decided to visit Cook's Wall, Hanging Rock, Moore's Knob and the other lordly peaks of this spur of the mountain. When he arrived at the top truly his "heart within him burned," and he was entranced with the beauty and fired with the possibilities of this magnificent scope of mountain, forest and stream.

Smith thereupon decided to own it and he owns it. He has acquired, he tells the Reporter, upwards of 9,000 acres, embracing some of the most attractive scenery in the country, notably Hanging Rock, Tory Den, the Upper Cascade, Moore's Knob, etc.

Smith is an idealist and a dreamer, but these are what it takes to tackle and conquer great obstacles.

Already he has had wealthy northern men investigate, and offer the capital to put over the development, which includes a magnificent hotel capable of accommodating many thousands of guests and tourists, roads, lakes, parks, golf links, and other luxuries and pleasures incident to a great playground which will be within one to four hours' distance of 500,000 people of North Carolina and Virginia.

The old mountain which for ages has stood a hindrance to farm and settlement may yet prove its real value, and may bring untold wealth and development to our fair country. Here is scenery, air and water unexcelled in beauty, sweetness and purity anywhere in the world.

The people of Stokes county extend a hand of welcome and encouragement to the young man come home. May his dreams come true, and may his fondest hopes be realized.

SINISTER SYMPTOMS.

Wheat hits the toboggan, and is now the lowest since 1914--to the bewilderment of those whose embarrassment is their own confession of responsibility.

With some hundreds of millions of bushels of 1923 crop on hand, and nowhere to sell it--right here in the face of a new bountiful harvest--and right here in the face of a Europe starving for bread, argues mistaken policy somewhere.

America--in the midst of a vast bedlam of "keep us out of Europe, we want no furrin entanglements, let Europe go its way and we'll go ours"--has gone its way and Europeans have gone theirs. But those near-statesmen had not the foresight to see that our way leads towards Europe's way; to see that America has grown too big to live alone; that only with America's assistance can Europe furnish the market that America's industries must have or die.

Brilliant but erratic politicians like Johnson and Borah; prejudiced and narrow England-haters like Hoke Smith and Hardwick; stupid old pro-German nuisances like Reed of Missouri; loosed the avalanche which overwhelmed the one man who had the vision to see and the courage to dare the policy which meant--if you like--interference in the affairs of Europe, and who knew that without our interference destructive wars would continue to disarrange the affairs of the world, and that as in 1917, so on into the future, America would always be drawn into the whirlpool whether she willed or not. America lost 100,000 of her boys without a league of nations, and Wilson tried to save the next 100,000 as well as stabilize American markets. The "little group" insured continuance of sacrifice of American youth, and at the same time, turning in disdain from the chaos left in the wake of war, perpetuated that condition of which our wheat slump is a symptom.

We would love to live unto ourselves, and still have Germany, France and Russia and England come tapping meekly at our doors, bearing gold to buy our cotton and lumber and steel and oil and tobacco and wheat.

But this would be like the foolish husbandman who thought he could reap without sowing, and that he could harvest without planting. To receive we must give.

Consider The Home Man.

He is a banker, a merchant, or a contractor, or in some other line of business.

He lives in our town.

He knows you and you know him.

He buys from other leaders in the home town for the needs of himself and his family. The money he thus spends stays here.

He pays taxes, and supports the church, and gives to charity, and is always "handing it out" for some worthy local cause.

His employees live here, and the money he pays them keeps on circulating around among us.

The goods he sells are as he represents them, for he could not afford to work off an inferior article unto you--even if he would.

He can not afford to overcharge, because he would soon loose his trade if he did.

In every way he is an asset to the community--a convenience and an actual benefit to you.

Can you afford to pass up the man who means so much to you.

SPECIAL Moving Picture Announcement

FRIDAY, Annex, Danbury, show will start at 9:15 p. m., permitting those who desire to do so, to attend both the church services now progress and movies.

SATURDAY, 8:20 p. m., Cove Theatre, Walnut Cove.

TOM MIX

A Great Western Star, every one likes--men, women, boys, girls, children, everybody. Tom Mix is especially good in this week's picture, "Chasing The Moon."

Mutt and Jeff Comedy, Fox News.

Monday, 8:20 p. m., Annex, Danbury. Tuesday, 8:20 p. m., 'open air movies' King.

WALLACE REID

Featured in those famous Auto Racing Picture, "What's Your Hurry?" Mack Sennett 2 Reel Comedy.

Wm. H. VOIGT, Mgr.

=Notice of Sale=

By virtue of authority contained in a judgment in the case of J. A. Vance Company vs. W. R. Head and W. R. Head, Admr. of J. L. Head, deceased, the undersigned Commissioner will on--

SATURDAY, August 18, 1923,

at 2 o'clock, P. M., offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door in Danbury, N. C., the following described property:

One Saw Mill complete with 15 ft. carriage and regular equipment.

The sale of the above described property is subject to the confirmation of the Forsyth county court.

I. M. BUTLER, Commissioner.

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Winston-Salem's Community Bargain Sales Event Continues Thru AUGUST 6th.



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