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## THE VERY BEST THING THAT CAN BE DONE FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTRY

This Advice Is From the Highest Authority in the Land.

(The Manufacturers Record)

"Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might," is the doctrine which needs to be preached today with all the emphasis in the nation's power. Because disaster has overtaken many, because the nation's buying power has been greatly decreased by reason of the rapid deflation in products and in employment we cannot afford to sit down and fold our hands, for that would only mean stagnation, and stagnation means death. If your plant needs new equipment or extension, and the money is available, DO IT NOW, and be ready for the next wave of activity, which will come as surely as the sun floods the earth with brightness after the clouds have disappeared. If your town or city or county needs municipal buildings, schools or enlarged water-works or sewerage systems, if highway work and street construction need to be done, then do your utmost to see that these things are DONE NOW. Labor is seeking employment, manufactured products are available for all classes of construction work and at prices which, we believe, are below prices that will prevail in the not-distant future. Whenever the tide of business turns, as it will as surely as flood follows ebb tide, prices will advance and labor will once more be well employed, and at good wages. Today is the accepted time for entering upon a vigorous, aggressive campaign for all highway and municipal construction work, for putting manufacturing plants into better physical shape and equipping with needed machinery rather than wait until the rush of new work in the future makes all of these things more difficult and costly.

As every patriotic citizen threw the utmost energy of his life into the things which were for the winning of the war so every patriotic citizen must today throw his utmost power into doing the things which are as essentially important to the safety and welfare of this country as was the winning of the war. We cannot afford a nation with a spread of unemployment. We cannot afford to see men walk the streets, hunting vainly for work, as sure as the sun rises that would mean the creation of a Bolshevik empire due to causes unlike anything we have had in the history of the country in the past. Then, on with work! On with every construction activity which is needed in the building of schools and churches and hospitals and municipal structures and highways, in which hundreds of millions can be wisely invested with assurance that every dollar thus expended will bring a harvest of prosperity to the community and to the country as a whole. Search out with brain and hands whatever can be found to do, and do it with all your might, and DO IT NOW.

## THEY CAN'T PULL THIS STUFF ON SMART FOLKS

(Holton (Kan.) Signal)

How would you like to pay \$960 for two gallons of whiskey? Nobody in Holton would pay that price, but that is what a fellow who said his name was John Custer tried to get for it here last week. The fellow put up at the Sutherland Hotel and at once began to look around for customers to whom he proposed to sell the old reliable brand of "Taylor" whiskey at \$60 per gallon, but the men who were familiar with the brand, which in time gone by they had purchased for \$4 a gallon, were shocked at the price asked, and word was passed to the sheriff that there was a profiteer in town and he was placed under arrest. After the arrest of Custer his room at the Sutherland Hotel was searched by the officers, who found a two-gallon jug under his bed. When the whiskey was poured out it was discovered that instead of there being two gallons, there was only a pint, and repeated shakings failed to produce any more. When the bottom was broken it was found that the jug had been filled nearly to the top with layers of sand and sawdust to make it the proper weight, and on top of this was a layer of waterproof cement, leaving enough space in the top to hold a pint of whiskey.

## SOME ONE TAKES A SHOT AT MR. A. L. CURL

Creedmoor Times News says: Last Saturday night between nine and ten o'clock some one prowling around the home of Mr. A. L. Curl on East Church street, fired two shots at Mr. Curl through a window. Mr. Curl was not hit by either shot, but he was badly frightened man. He had just returned to his home from up street, and had gone into the kitchen to get some warm water to wash, and while in this room the shots were fired. Mr. Curl has no idea who the party was. He says if he has an enemy in the world, he does not know it, and is at a loss to know why any one should try to take his life.

President Wilson plans to accompany President-elect Harding from the White House to the capitol on March 4 and back again to the White House for luncheon, as is the usual custom when a new chief executive is inaugurated.

## FAIR WEATHER FOR CHRISTMAS, PRO STATE LIBRARY

Washington, Dec. 24.—Generally fair weather Christmas day, except for snow around the Great Lakes and the northern Rockies, and rain on the Pacific coast. East of the Mississippi river it will be cold, "not intense but snappy."

## NEWS IN BRIEF SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE

—Republican leaders in Congress seem determined to kill the federal road program.

—Fire at Wagram, N. C., burns 13 buildings and 250 bales of cotton involving loss estimated at \$175,000 to \$200,000.

—"Guilty of murder in the second degree" is the verdict rendered against all three defendants in the Lippard case at Morganton, N. C.

—Miss Ollie and Ada Halthcock, sisters, and Floyd Whitte, of Burlington, are killed when their automobile is struck by a train.

—Miss Mary Owens Graham, president of Peace Institute of Raleigh, and her student body serenade Raleigh Monday morning at midnight. It was a Christmas serenade.

—The New Bern Iron Works at New Bern, are to be put on the co-operative plan. The company will deduct the cost of operation and then divide the profits with the employees.

—The old Farmer's warehouse building at Reidsville was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. It is believed that the fire is of incendiary origin.

—Over the protests of a defiant minority, the House tonight adopted the "Emergency" tariff bill by a vote of 196 to 86. The vote was taken at 8:45 o'clock after eight hours' debate.

—"Altopont" is the name of High Point's magnificent new 10-story hotel, which is being constructed in that city. The name was chosen at a meeting of the board of directors of the hotel company.

—Doctor Ike Campbell has decided that at least he has the goods to "expose rotten voting conditions in the South" and in a presumptuous sort of way served notice on "Farmer Bob" Doughton yesterday that there's going to be a battle royal over the seat of the member from the Eighth North Carolina district.

—Roads, schools, and fish are on the carpet for the coming session of the legislature, says The Greensboro News. It is general belief that the low prices of tobacco and other products are going to cause the tax payers to holler louder than ever before against any increase in tax, regardless of what the appropriation may be for.

—After running over and instantly killing Rev. John R. Herndon, pastor of the Wauchope Presbyterian church, in the suburbs of Winston-Salem Tuesday morning, subsequently evading Forsyth officers and posse, and outrunning policemen at High Point, three Greensboro negroes, John and Charles Mays and Lawrence Morrow, who were traveling in a Hudson super-six automobile, were arrested in Greensboro and lodged in jail.

## BLOODHOUNDS 'ANT SLANDER

So Says a Jury Of Twelve Men. If bloodhounds in search of a criminal carry the trail to the home of an innocent man, is the owner of the dogs liable for slander of the man upon whom suspicion is brought to rest?

A jury in Caswell county Superior court a few days ago passed upon that question and in doing so vindicated Sam A. Nichols, well known bloodhound owner of Raleigh.

In March, 1918, a house was burned in Caswell county under suspicious circumstances. Mr. Nichols was called upon to come to the scene with his dogs. The dogs were put upon the trail and carried their owner to the residence of E. E. Watkins, going into the house and sniffing at harness and other articles.

Mr. Watkins was not placed on trial but instituted a civil suit against Mr. Nichols for slander.

The case was heard before Judge T. B. Finley and was bitterly contested by the plaintiff, who had retained several lawyers. The contention of the defense was that the actions of the dogs did not commit their owner to an expression of opinion concerning the guilt or innocence of the plaintiff.

## EXPRESS COMPANIES TO BE CONSOLIDATED

Washington, Dec. 23.—Authority has been granted by the interstate commerce commission for permanent consolidation of the transportation business and properties of the Adams, American, Wells Fargo & company, and Southern Express companies into the American Railway Express company. The commission said that it was their belief that the public would best be served by one consolidated company serving all lines with equal rates.

—The South Atlantic league baseball season will open April 25 and close September 24, according to the schedule.

FOR CHRISTMAS GIVE HER CANDY, give him cigars. Get them all at Pittman's Drug Store. Service is our motto here.

## COLORED HOSPITAL FOR OXFORD UNDERWAY

Have Arranged To Purchase Taylor Property On Smith Hill—Announced By Dr. Shaw.

For some time I have seen and felt the need of a hospital in Oxford for colored people. I have hoped that some one, not already overloaded with work, would take the initiative in establishing this hospital. But Providence seems to point my way, so we are going to undertake the enterprise looking to and having been assured of liberal and hearty local support. It is purely a humanitarian enterprise. If there are any people in Granville County and Oxford who need hospital facilities, they are the colored people.

We have arranged to buy the Taylor property on Smith Hill. This property as you know joins Mary Potter School property. It is considered ideal for a hospital.

We have been promised the hearty support of Drs. Thomas, Watkins and Bullock, the promoters of the white hospital, and of Drs. Anderson and Booher, our colored physicians. In fact we have ventured to go into the enterprise because of the encouragement we have received from every one, white and colored to whom we have spoken.

We have a drive on, to raise \$2500 by the 20th of Jan. 1921. We can do it? Will you help us? You will be called on. When we come to die the only money that we will delight to think of is the money given to such causes.

Mr. Henry Hunt, of the National Bank, has kindly consented to act as our treasurer. You will be informed through this paper from time to time of our receipts and expenditures.

A hospital was started in the other part of the town some time ago and for some reason failed. "We toiled all night and caught nothing." The command now is, and I believe it to be a Divine command, "to cast the net on the other side the ship." May we expect the happy results of the fisherman of old, and very soon this hospital will stand out as a monument of the generosity of the good people of Oxford. G. C. SHAW.

## PRETTY MARRIAGE SOLEMNIZED AT "OAK VIEW"

Miss Naomi Crews Is the Pretty Bride of Mr. G. E. Bobbitt.

On Dec. 21st, 1920, at high noon, in the presence of the immediate family and a few friends, a quiet but beautiful marriage was solemnized at Oak View, the home of Mr. H. E. Crews at Watkins, when his daughter Sallie Naomi became the bride of Mr. G. E. Bobbitt.

The parlor was tastefully decorated with running cedar, mistletoe, ferns and narcissus, the color scheme being green and white.

The bride never looked lovelier than when she was led to the altar by the groom, to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March. Soft music was rendered during the ceremony by the brides' sister, Mrs. O. E. Culler, of Baltimore, Md. Rev. L. E. Church of Henderson, using the ever-beautiful ring ceremony, which made them man and wife.

The bride was becomingly attired in a go-away suit of brown, with accessories to match. Her only ornament was a string of pearls, a gift of the groom.

Mrs. Bobbitt is well known through out Vance and Granville counties as an efficient and peculiarly gentle trained nurse, having endeared herself to many by her kindness and sweetness while ministering to the sick.

The groom, a son of Mr. James Bobbitt, is a native of Vance County and is a splendid young man of Henderson, now holding the position of manager of the Transport Motor Truck Co., and is held in high esteem by a host of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobbitt motored to Henderson and boarded the train for a northern tour. The happy couple will make their future home in Henderson.

## NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

In order to enable the Public Ledger force to take a few days' rest and recreation, there will be no paper issued from this office next week. The first issue of the New Year will appear Tuesday, January 4, the day on which the tobacco market reopens.

However, some one will be in the office during the holidays to wait on patrons of the paper.

## BOY POLICE SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

New System Will Include About Two Hundred Boys Of The High School Age.

Asheville, Dec. 23.—A boy police system for this city is being formed with the approval of city and civic leaders. The new system will include a group of 200 volunteers of high school age, headed by H. L. Crawford, a local private detective representing the National Detective bureau, who will serve as superintendent-in-chief.

Attention, W. O. W. There will be a call meeting of Wilton Camp Monday Dec. 27, 1 o'clock P. M. Business of importance. C. N. FLOYD, Clerk.

—Speaking of scientific salesmen, did you ever hear one of 'em give the reason why a bootblack should have a \$600 cash register?

## OXFORD STORES WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

The Public Ledger is authorized to state that all stores in Oxford, except the drug stores, will be closed Christmas day.

## EXPRESSIONS FROM SOME OF OUR LEADING CITIZENS

All Are In Favor Of Better School Facilities For Children.

Knowing that the people of Oxford desire to go forward and believing that we will live up to the high ideals which we profess, I am confident that the High School Bond Election will be safely carried. If we are to do our full duty to our children and our community it is imperative that we vote for the bonds. T. G. STEM.

I believe in mental furnishings as well as the other kind. In order that the children of Oxford may have the best possible chance, I stand squarely for the bond issue. J. ROBT. WOOD.

An educated citizenship is essential to business prosperity. Personally I am always in favor of better equipped schools. Oxford certainly needs better equipment today. W. T. YANCEY.

You can gauge the progress of any community by the schools. Oxford High School is now being conducted in a building eighty years old. BEN K. LASSITER.

I consider education the greatest single force making for progress today, and want my children to have every possible advantage in being educated. R. H. LEWIS, Jr.

We can do a better business in pneumonia salve with the old building but we stand solidly behind the movement for better equipment. LYON DRUG CO.

No subject is more vital to the future of the country than that of education. W. H. UPCHURCH and R. M. CURRIN.

I believe that an investment in public education is a sound business investment. W. Z. MITCHELL.

## A TIP TO THE FARMERS OF GRANVILLE COUNTY

The Durham Herald tells this story of how a farmer boosted the price of his leaf tobacco on the Durham market:

A quick-witted tobacco farmer pulled off a good one during the sale at one of the local warehouses a few days ago. The bidding was dragging, and the prices were off. This farmer had a pile of the weed a little further along the line and wanted more money than previous bidding had indicated he would receive. An idea struck him and he lost no time in putting it into practice. He immediately procured a big fat possum and two good hens he had brought to town for sale and placed them on his pile of tobacco. It is needless to say that when the buyers reached that tobacco, bidding suddenly perked up and was the liveliest of the day, and the result was that the wise farmer received what is considered a fair price for his weed. And who wouldn't rather chew the choice pieces of a possum or fat hen than a wad of leaf tobacco?

## TAX PAYERS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF NORMAL RATE

Money, in the form of county taxes, has started to rolling into the sheriff's office in fair amounts, as a result of the announcement that one per cent will be added January 1, 1921.

A great many are paying while the "bargain day" is on, thus turning into the county revenue which is badly needed to carry on the affairs of the county.

## OXFORD GENTLEMEN VISIT THEIR MODEL FARM

Mr. Frank W. Hancock, Jr., and other Oxford gentlemen visited their \$200,000 farm near Sanford this week.

"The more they see of this model farm and its wonderful productiveness," said Mr. Fred Peed, "the greater they are impressed with it. For accessibility, natural beauty and the lay of the land I have never seen a finer farm anywhere."

## MR. WILL BROOKS HAD CLOSE CALL LAST NIGHT

Was Knocked Down By An Auto At The Head Of Main Street.

Last night about eight o'clock while crossing the head of Main street at the monument, Mr. Will Brooks was knocked down by an auto. Dr. Bullock made a critical examination and found no bones broken, though scratched and bruised he was able to go home.

## RALEIGH'S POPULATION IS OFFICIALLY FIXED AT 27,078

(News and Observer)

The population of Raleigh has been officially fixed at 27,076. Mayo, Eldridge yesterday received a letter from Samuel L. Rogers, director of the census, announcing that all publications of the 1920 census will contain a footnote, stating that an area containing 2,658 persons has been annexed to the city since taking of the census which gave Raleigh a population of 24,418.

## MR. D. Y. COOPER, HENDERSON'S FIRST CITIZEN, PASSES AWAY

Had Lived Long Life Of Usefulness and Playing Big Part In Upbuilding Of Henderson and Vance County.

David Young Cooper, nationally known cotton manufacturer and exporter, tobaccoist, banker and business man of wide interests, not only in his home city but elsewhere as well, died at his home on North Garnett street, Henderson, Monday night at a quarter of 10 o'clock. Death followed a slight illness of three days, which had not been regarded as serious, but which was diagnosed by his physician as angina pectoris, or congestion of the heart. He was 73 years old on his last birthday, April 21, 1920.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from Holy Innocent's Episcopal Church, of which he was a member, and were in charge of Dr. I. W. Hughes, the rector.

Mr. Cooper is survived by his widow, Mrs. Florence M. Cooper, by four sons, Sidney P. Cooper, Alexander Cooper, D. Y. Cooper, Jr., James Allison Cooper, and one daughter, Mrs. Claude Durham Smith. Three brothers survive, these being J. C. Cooper, who was older than the deceased; John D. Cooper, all of Henderson and Madison A. Cooper, of Waco, Texas. He was the first of the four sons to die.

## BIOGRAPHY.

The biography of Mr. Cooper was written fifteen years ago by Thomas M. Pittman, of Henderson, and published in a large volume of biographies of prominent citizens of North Carolina. The following is an extract from the biography published in full in the Henderson Daily Dispatch:

About the middle of the eighteenth century a tide of immigration from Virginia was turned toward Granville County, in North Carolina. Near Grassy Creek, in the northern part of the county, some sixteen miles from the present county seat, the Baptist and Presbyterians located churches in close proximity, each called Grassy Creek. Around these were formed settlements of thrifty, intelligent, God-fearing tillers of the soil, who have maintained a good report for a century and a half. Here near the close of the century, came James Cooper from Glasgow, Scotland, and gladly found in the neighborhood the Venables, Hamiltons, Steeds and others, men of tar and bag-pipe ancestry, and followers of Calvin and Knox. And here his son Alexander was born.

He spent his days. He was the father of our subject. An elder in little Grassy Creek Presbyterian Church, a justice of the peace, a successful farmer and slave-owner, honest and just, he was represented by his neighbors and noted for doing well whatever he undertook. The wife of Alexander Cooper was Harriet J. Young, daughter of David J. Young, who came to Granville County from Virginia. This family was prominent and influential. Many of its members of won deserved recognition outside of their social circles. Among such may be named William Hamilton Young, lawyer and accomplished scholar; Colonel John D. Young, a gallant soldier of the Confederate army; Dr. Wesley Young the Oxford physician; Colonel I. J. Young a prominent politician during the period following the Civil War; and James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner of North Carolina, and author of the North Carolina Insurance Law.

In this community, and of such stock, David Young Cooper was born April 21, 1847. During the childhood he attended the country schools near his home, and when not so engaged was required with his brothers to cultivate parcels of land allotted to them, that they might learn industry and respect for labor. On Sundays he was required to attend church. These early habits and church attendance have continued and greatly contributed to his usefulness and success. From 1863 to 1865 he attended Horner School at Oxford, North Carolina, after which he served a year in the Confederate army.

In 1867, when twenty years of age, he returned to his home.

"Say, mister, don't you want to buy a pint of good corn?"

"No," replied the farmer, "tobacco is too low now to be buying mean likker. It's so mean it won't keep off the blues, but makes them worse."

"I have been up all night," said the bootlegger, "and if I have sold two pints, I'm a son-of-a-gun. I got in ten gallons two weeks ago," he added, "and I ain't sold out yet. If I ever get rid of this lot, I'm done. Times are not like they used to be. Last fall a farmer didn't mind handing out a 10-spot for a quart of dope without looking at it, but now if you give one of them a drink for nothing he feels like he has done you a favor. I'm out of a job when I get through this time. Good morning."—Danbury Reporter.

## FRIENDS OF PRIMARY LAW WILL SUGGEST AMENDMENT

Will Not Permit Return To The Old Convention Plan Without A Fight; Many Think Compromise Will Be The Outcome.

Raleigh, Dec. 23.—Discontent with the present statewide primary is expected to be met by friends of the law with suggestions that it be strengthened rather than repealed during the 1921 session of the general assembly next month. The compromise is going to be effected when the fight is launched to wipe the law from the statute books is the belief of a number of democratic leaders who are themselves dissatisfied with the act but who are not inclined to resurrect the old conventional plan of naming candidates for the various state offices.

Against the daily press of the state, the state federation of labor, the women voters and progressive leaders who are supporting the primary, Walter Murphy, of Rowan, Tam Bowie, of Ashe, and Will Neal McDowell, will lead the fight for a return of the convention plan.

—Your battery should have water added every two weeks. Stop at W. H. Hard Service Station.

## BICKETT APPEALS FOR STARVING, FREEZING CHILDREN OF EUROPE

Proclamation Urges People to Cut Their Own Christmas Expenses To Bone and Give To Sufferers.

Governor Bickett has issued a proclamation urging all North Carolinians to "cut their own Christmas expenses to the bone and seek their happiness in relieving the misery of millions" of children in Europe who are suffering for lack of food and clothing. The proclamation follows:

"If there is one sound that goes straight to a man's heart and rouses all his energies, it is the cry of a child for help. Such a cry comes to us from over the seas. There are millions of little children literally freezing for lack of bread.

"We have no right to be 'happy over here while God's little ones are dying by the thousands over there. There can be no Christmas in our hearts unless we show forth the spirit of Christ. I urge our people to cut their own Christmas expenses to the bone and seek their happiness in relieving the misery of millions in other lands.

"A great drive for the relief of these people, under the leadership of Henry A. Page, of Aberdeen, is now on. Let every man, woman and child in the state make their first gift towards the relief of these little ones and then shout 'Hurrah for Christmas.'"

## CITIZENS SHOULD RESPOND TO THIS URGENT NEED

"To the People of North Carolina: We, representing the students of the University of North Carolina, the North Carolina College for Women, the North Carolina College for Agriculture and Engineering, and the Eastern Carolina Training School, present to you this simple statement of the critical condition now existing in our higher educational institutions.

"The facilities of our higher educational institutions are pitifully inadequate. Every phase of college life is congested because of dormitory conditions, necessitating three or four students to crowd together in a single room because of inadequate classroom accommodations, because of the inadequate dining arrangements and because of the general inability of the college to properly accommodate and instruct their students.

"Our present students now live under conditions described above. Of those who graduated from our high school last year, 2,308 had to be turned away from our colleges this fall.

"But, although the present situation is serious, the thought of the future of our educational institutions is cause for alarm. Five years ago the graduates from four-year high schools in the State numbered 800. Last spring they numbered 3,000.

"In presenting these facts in the name of the boys and girls of North Carolina who desire the training which our educational institutions, if properly supported, can give, we are confident that the citizens of the State will respond in a noble fashion to this urgent need."

## HARD ON WINSTON-SALEM IF THE REPORT IS TRUE

Tobacco Is Now Too Low To Be Buying Mean Liquor.

Not only the merchants, traders and merchants are finding hard sledding in these days of "deflation," but even the bootleggers, or retailers of mean whiskey on the sly, are being hit hard.

A Stokes farmer who returned last week from the Winston-Salem tobacco market, told the Reporter he was approached in one of the warehouses by a fellow, who inquired:

"Say, mister, don't you want to buy a pint of good corn?"

"No," replied the farmer, "tobacco is too low now to be buying mean likker. It's so mean it won't keep off the blues, but makes them worse."

## KU KLUX KLAN STAGES BIG PARADE IN JACKSONVILLE

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 22.—Preceded by mounted heralds bearing the flaming cross, a branch of the Ku Klux Klan of the invisible empire paraded through the streets of South Jacksonville last night. More than two hundred members, completely disguised by white high pointed caps and long white gowns and with only their eyes showing through their masks, were in the line of march.

## ORPHEUM THEATRE WILL PUT ON FREE SHOW MONDAY

Charlie Chaplin Will Be the Free Attraction.

As a Christmas treat, the managers of the Orpheum will present Charlie Chaplin from ten to twelve o'clock next Monday in "Behind the Screen," and also a two-reel comedy.

The public is invited to enjoy this show free of cost.