

## QUICKENING OF RETAIL TRADE

### Signs of Progress in Nearly All Lines of Industry

New business gains were less pronounced last week, although a perceptible quickening of retail trade took place. Unmistakable signs of progress were present in nearly all lines of industry, but the improvement in some quarters was more deliberate than the financial and business centers, keyed up the usual autumn pitch of optimism, had hoped for, a New York dispatch says.

Reports of the steel trade reviews that the industry was engaged in consolidating its late summer gains rather than speeding up its producing activities were mildly disappointing in view of the steady expansion which has recently taken place. The general situation, however, was regarded favorable and another advance in pig iron prices indicated a wider demand for these products, the report continues.

In summarizing the general business situation, Dun's review reported that "demands in the aggregate were notably large, but buyers, although in some cases extending their forward commitments, continued to operate conservatively and avoid excessive accumulations of goods."

In the financial district the maintenance of this hand-to-mouth buying in virtually all lines of trade has come to be recognized as a more or less permanent policy based upon railroad demonstrations of ability to effect quick deliveries. The trend away from the old habits of placing heavy forward orders has been accepted as one of the strongest factors in the stability of business.

Evidence accumulated that prolongation of the anthracite strike seriously would affect the prosperity of the hard coal carriers by reducing their operating revenues. On the other hand, business of the railroads which tap the bituminous fields has swollen rapidly in the past fortnight. The southwestern roads, it was reported, were beginning to feel the effects of the late summer drought in this region, but so far as August earnings were concerned they shared in the general improvement.

Weakness of the cotton, grain and sugar markets last week caused some nervousness in these fields. Cotton price broke sharply when the government unexpectedly increased its estimate of the 1925 yield and new low levels for the year were established in the grain and sugar markets.

The break in cotton apparently had little effect on the textile industry where manufacturing operations increased.

Substantial price reductions in women's wear fabrics for spring were announced by the largest woolen manufacturer and were reported to have stimulated buying.

### FLOWERS WILL PLEASE STATE FAIR VISITORS

Thousands of blossoms from late blooming varieties of flowers will greet the visitors to the North Carolina State Fair this year. Despite the drought E. V. Walborn, Manager of the Fair, has kept his plant beds green and growing during the summer, and has made such plantings that many beautiful varieties of fall flowers will be in full bloom during the week of October 12. These will be found along the Floral Hall and in front of the Woman's Building.

Mr. Walborn cut off the growth on his canna's this summer, and new shoots now growing will be in full bloom at the time of the Fair. There are nine different varieties of these flowers. The zinnias are in large beds about the front entrance grounds of the Fair in every color. They are of the giant double variety and one of the first things to attract the attention of the visitor.

Fourteen varieties of gladiolus have also been planted and are now hurrying on towards blooming. Then there are the beds in which will be found dusty miller, salvia or scarlet sage, ageratum and other flowers. A background of castor beans has been planted against the agricultural building and with their unique, broad leaves, these plants will also be of interest to one seeking information on the growing of shrubbery and flowers.

Visitors to the Fair this year will find also that the grounds about the entrance and in front of Floral Hall will not be so dusty this year. A good stand of grass has at last been secured and the entrance grounds present more the appearance of a well kept park than of the regulation exhibit grounds.

### RED GRANGE IN ADVICE TO BOYS

Harold "Red" Grange, twice chosen on Walter Camp's All-American football team and one of the greatest open field runners, discusses for the benefit of high school boys and others the game as he knows it in an article appearing in the October issue of the American Boy.

Hard work and the ability to take criticisms and suggestions—attributes easily applicable to other activities of high school, college and later years—is advice of "Red" Grange to the young aspirant for gridiron glory.

"I carry ice through the summer," writes Grange in explanation of his suggestion to keep fit. "That's good for two reasons. It gives me a lot of walking, which hardens up my legs and strengthens my arms, shoulders and back with the lifting it entails."

"Another good thing for a chap to do is to keep himself acclimated to the feel of the ball. Right through the summer I throw a ball around and develop my passing. I do a little running on a track every day. The Illinois half-back cautions youngsters on high school teams to 'take it easy.' There's never anything gained by working your head off the first few times of practice."

"Tackle hard," he advises. "The hard tackler is not so likely to get hurt as the slow tackler. Also, obviously, you will have a better chance of stopping the man if you go into him with a lot of force. At the same time you must be sure that you are not going to be headed so fast in one direction that the man with the ball can swerve and get past you."

"Every backfield man should be a sure fire tackle; he also should be strong in other ways, though he should be fast, surefooted, quick on his feet. He must be able to start like a shot from a gun, to block well, to help form interference as efficiently as he carries the ball. Get low and start fast."

The "pivot," the football trick which Grange has perfected, to the discomfiture of opposing lines and defensive back fields, is stressed as of first importance to backfield men. "It is a good deal like the basketball pivot," he explains, consisting of a rapid whirling and change of direction. You'll find that often if you're tackled in the line or in the open field, a twisting pivot will shake the tackler off, turn you out of his arms and permit you to go on for more yardage."

Grange stresses the importance of going into the game to win. "Don't let anybody tell you you're licked before the game commences. My experience is that the team that goes into any game knowing the fundamentals of football and believing that it has a good chance of winning, is best prepared."

### HEALTH BOARD

#### HITS SINCLAIR

"There are jurists so engrossed with a conscientious consideration of the statutes of the state that they forget there are some wrongs which statutes cannot cure," states an article from the bureau of health education of the state board of health, written in answer to charges made against the work of the board by Judge N. A. Sinclair, in his charge to the Warren county grand jury recently.

The article is entitled: "Health Primarily a Matter of Education and Not Primarily a Matter of Legislation."

Judge Sinclair told the jurors that we live in a dirty state, in spite of the fact that we are spending half a million dollars a year to keep it clean.

"If conditions still are not what they should be," the article states, "it is because they have not yet been enough 'tons of literature' sent out nor have the newspapers clamored long enough."

The article declares that public health is a matter of education and not of law enforcement.

"Public laws reflect the will of the people," it is stated, "Public health reflects the lives of the people. If people are educated to want better laws they will have them. If people are educated to want better health they can have better health. As people learn that sanitation and clean living promote health and longevity, they will be clean and sanitary, even in railroad trains, not to avoid punishment but to secure the pleasure of good health and long life. 'The proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof.' The proof of the contention in this title is in the results today."

The article hits directly at Sinclair when it says "There are jurists so obsessed with the idea that laws are a panacea for all ills that they confidently declare, on all occasions when things go wrong 'indict them.'"

## FIVE MILLION DOLLAR COLLEGE

### In Memory of Great Commoner, W. J. Bryan

Establishment of a university at Dayton, Tenn., where scientific courses will be in complete harmony with a literal interpretation of the Bible, is the aim of the Bryan Memorial University Association, officials has announced in revealing plans for a \$5,000,000 drive which was got under way October 1.

F. E. Robinson, of Dayton, president of the association, announced the appointment of Malcolm Lockhart, of Atlanta, as director of the campaign for funds. Mr. Robinson, who is chairman of the Rhea County Board of Education, is also proprietor of Robinson's drug store, a Main Street establishment that attracted world-wide attention as the birthplace of the Scopes evolution case.

"Fifty thousand Fundamentalists for the faith of our fathers" will be the campaign slogan," said Mr. Lockhart, explaining that the funds will be sought only from those who "do not believe in evolution." Emphasizing this attitude of the association, the subscription blanks prepared for use by the solicitors recite that the subscription is given "as evidence of Christianity as interpreted by William Jennings Bryan."

Explaining the relation of the Dayton association to the Bryan memorial Association recently organized at Washington, Mr. Lockhart said that the two organizations are working entirely independently.

"The Washington association will memorialize William Jennings Bryan, the man, without reference to any particular phase of his life work," said Mr. Lockhart, "while the Dayton association will build a memorial to Mr. Bryan's fundamentalism."

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### DEAMON DEACONS MUST DEFEND CHAMPIONSHIP

By defeating Carolina Saturday Wake Forest climbed to a place of dominance over the entire State football scene. Wake Forest has made out a prima facie case for State championship honors, but State and Davidson and Duke are all ready to tear down the monarch and usurp the throne.

Wake Forest has made a good start, but beating Carolina is a good long way from beating all Carolina teams. The assumption that Wake Forest has nailed the flag to its mast is pretty good dope, but there is nothing absolute about it. State and Duke and Davidson are going to demand proof. If Carolina has the second best eleven in the State, then Wake Forest is sitting pretty. But nobody has the right to say that Carolina will come in second best. The blow in Chapel Hill Saturday was a hard one, but worse licks may be in store for Carolina before the season ends.

Duke, State and Davidson have all shown some good stuff. Davidson won easily from the Elon team a week ago, and the Wildcats beat Wofford. Duke showed good scoring ability against Guilford. State uncovered a genuine triple threat man in the Richmond game Friday in young Jack McDowell. All three of these teams look better than last year.

In general, North Carolina eleven look better than they have been in several years, and there is going to be considerable fighting before Wake Forest or any other eleven wears the championship crown in serenity. Wake Forest ought to win the honors, but only after three good, hard scraps.

Next Saturday Wake Forest meets the first foe in Davidson at Charlotte. Davidson opened the Carolina season a week ago by defeating Elon, 34 to 0. Friday Elon held the recently famous King eleven to a 6 to 0 victory. Saturday Davidson defeated Wofford, 7 to 0. On the preceding Saturday Wofford held V. M. I. to a 9 to 0 victory. The Demon Deacons ought to win from the Presbyterians, but they will not win easily.

Carolina goes next Saturday to Columbia to meet the University of South Carolina. The Gamecocks have a better team this year than last year, according to reports, and last year South Carolina beat the Tar Heels 10 to 7. North Carolina is going to have hard work keeping the South Carolinians from repeating the beating.

State and Duke are scheduled to clash at Durham next Saturday. From this distance State seems to have a slight edge on the Methodist eleven. Both teams look better than last year. State defeated Richmond here Friday, 20 to 0. Saturday Duke opened against Guilford with a 33 to 0 victory. Richmond had more opposition to offer than the Quakers.

Next Saturday Elon and Guilford stage their annual clash for cellar honors, and Elon looks like a winner. Elon lost to Davidson, 34 to 0, and Guilford lost to Duke, 33 to 0.

The one point margin in the comparative scores means nothing. The Fighting Christians have an edge, although a slight one, and they ought to win.

### PEACH SURVEY

A nation-wide survey of the peach industry is being made by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Schedules have been mailed to the commercial peach growers. The object of this survey is to afford information to the peach growers concerning the varieties, number and age of trees, etc., so that they may have some definite data as to the competition, markets, exceptions of prices and the basic information that is needed to make their venture a success. We request the enthusiastic co-operation of all growers in North Carolina having an orchard of any considerable size. In case you have not received a schedule, write to Mr. Frank Parker, Raleigh, and request one. In order that this survey may be most useful, it must be complete.

### SELMA BOYS SOON TO PLAY SPRING HOPE

Frank Armstrong's Selma High School football team are practicing daily for their first tilt of the season with "Red" Lassiter's Spring Hope team here next Friday. Many new faces will be seen with the Selma team this year. Among them are "Pee Wee" Hughes, Gold Borden, Hugh Wellons and Clarence Stanly. Among the old players who will be back are Shuler, Suggs, Talton, Oliver, Debnam, Ausley, Griswold, Ray, Strickland, Driver, and Ward. From present indications, the team looks better than it has since football was introduced in the school. Armstrong is a coach of rare ability and the boys have confidence in him. Nothing is known of the Spring Hope team here, but Armstrong is leaving no stone unturned in having the boys in tip top shape for the opening game.

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