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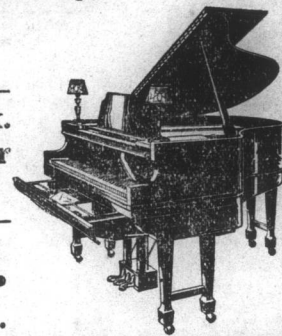
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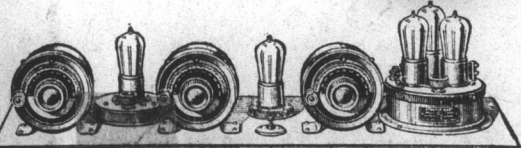


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### DEPARTMENT HEADS REVIEW 1925 AS A YEAR OF PROGRESS

(Continued from Page One)

And from the office of the North Carolina Corporation Commission comes the statement that "1925 has been a year of real progress and prosperity," with the prediction that "if existing conditions hold, they give promise of greater prosperity for 1926."

No statements were issued by either W. N. Everett, Secretary of State, or R. A. Doughton, revenue commissioner. Mr. Everett is confined to his home by illness, and Mr. Doughton was out of town tonight.

"Material progress and prosperity constitute an index to sound economic conditions and wholesome human relations," reads the New Year statement of the Governor. "In North Carolina progress and prosperity, during the past year have been steady and permanent. Unanimity of purpose and action have prevailed among our people in respect to the enduring things of life. Slight difference of opinion as to non-essentials have not found expression in retardation of our development."

"Generally, our people have prospered in their businesses. The products of our labors are multiplying in ever-increasing volume. Our financial resources have increased. Labor is contented and well paid, and above all, there is a distinct spirit of accommodation in the relationship which exists between employer and employee."

"Our people are hopeful and imbued with the spirit of continued advancement. In private life they have attained higher standards of living than ever before, and in public affairs they are manifesting more and more, the spirit of public service."

"As a State, we have moved forward in a most constructive way. We have achieved things which make North Carolina a better State in which to live. We have merited and enjoyed the confidence of the people of other sections of our country."

"I am grateful today, as I am sure all the people of our state are grateful, as the record of the past year and what it has meant to our people, passes in mental review."

"Looking to the future, the new year is pregnant with even greater possibilities. Wonderful opportunities present themselves on every hand. And now, as we stand upon the threshold of the new year, a calm survey indicates a continuation of our development and progress. We can and must achieve greater results during the year 1926. We must go forward along every line of endeavor."

"But we must not forget, on this occasion, to render humble thanks to the Giver of all good for the manifold blessings we have enjoyed in the past, as well as the blessings we believe are in store for us in the future."

"In conclusion, I should like to extend to all the people of our beloved State, my own good wishes for a full measure of happiness and prosperity throughout the new year."

As optimistic as it was brief was Auditor Baxter Durham's statement on the threshold of 1926:

"Upon the very safe, sane and substantial foundation that our fathers and mothers have given our keeping," it reads, "we stand and look forward into the coming year with every assurance that we are facing probably the greatest era of prosperity that the state has known."

"We have attained the enviable position we occupy among the states by reason of patient toil, worthy endeavor, glorious sacrifice, and the expenditure of large sums of money. If we are to maintain that position and continue real service, we must follow the same rugged path."

"North Carolina faces the opportunity offered with courage in her heart and an abiding faith in Almighty God."

"I am very optimistic for the New Year," declared State Treasurer B. R. Lacy. "I believe that 1926 is going to be one of the best years that North Carolina has ever had."

Mr. Lacy based his opinion, he said, upon the healthy condition of the banks in the state during the past few months, and upon the prosperity that good roads are bringing and will continue to bring to the state.

"The condition of the banks is a mighty good business barometer. And the banks in North Carolina this fall have had more money than they have ever had before. That is a pretty good indication that there is going to be money in circulation in 1926."

"I wonder sometimes if our people appreciate what the highways are doing for them. They not only make transportation and travel in general

speedier, more economical, and more comfortable; but they are of vast help to the farmers. If it's too wet to plow, a farmer can put his produce in a wagon or car and take it to town—and it doesn't take him all day to go and come. The highways built and being built in North Carolina are going to have much to do with North Carolina prosperity in 1926."

A. T. Allen, state superintendent of public instruction, not only is generally optimistic for the coming year, but he especially believes that "1926 holds its fair share of the increased school facilities just ahead of us in this state."

"So far as I am able to read the signs of the times," said Mr. Allen, "the people of North Carolina are justified in looking to 1926 with an increased confidence and a new hope. The successes of the past encourage them to make even greater efforts during the coming year for the continued development of all the enterprises upon which they are now engaged."

"Public school improvements may not be coming as fast as some of us might wish, but this will be a continued movement towards the front. We may reasonably expect, during the coming year, the construction of six millions of dollars worth of rural school buildings which will bring improved and increased facilities to many thousands of North Carolina children whose educational opportunity has been seriously limited up to the present time. On every side we find an increased interest on the part of the people in the education of the rising generation. I am confident that the year 1926 holds its fair share of the increased school facilities that lie just ahead of us in this state."

Said Attorney General Brummitt: "The State has made substantial progress in 1925. We come to the new year in faith and courage. We have every reason to expect greater progress and prosperity in the future."

"The lowest conception of self-interest demands that we now place an emphasis upon something other than the accumulation of material things. The very safety and life and property depends upon the authority of the law. In the final analysis that safety cannot be adequately assured by the exertion of any force from without, by the exercise of any power residing within the state as an organized entity. For it, we must rely upon the free, yet disciplined, spirit of a citizenship anxious to meet every requirement of lawful authority. There must be law observance as well as law enforcement."

"My hope for 1926 is that North Carolina may set the pace for the nation not only in material progress, but in law enforcement and law observance as well."

The statement of Commissioner of Agriculture Graham follows:

"The accomplishments of the past year in the realm of agriculture have been numerous. While we have suffered handicaps in North Carolina, in that respect we are not different from those of other sections. But we have had our blessings, too. For these we should be truly thankful on the threshold of this New Year."

"I know of no better resolve on the part of the farmers for 1926 than to exert concerted efforts for the advancement of not only agricultural pursuits but all round conditions on the farm as well. It is my firm conviction that the farmer is entitled to every comfort, every luxury, if you please, that anyone else enjoys. To him the first great commission was given, back in the dim past, 'Till the soil.' He has been faithful to that trust. He is deserving of the good things of life."

"It is my sincere hope, as I write this greeting to the farmers of the state, that the New Year will be good to them; that favorable conditions will smile upon them; that their planting may be successful and their harvest bountiful."

Frank D. Grist, commissioner of labor and printing, reiterated his prediction, made some time ago, that North Carolina prosperity in 1926 would be "even greater than at any time in the past." His prediction, made at that time was based on a state-wide survey made by his department of the indicated agricultural, industrial, and general employment conditions in this state in 1926.

He predicts a continuation of the building program of 1925, abundant employment in most sections of the state, especially the west, and an increased agricultural acreage in all sections except the west, where the long-continued drought of the past summer discouraged the farmers.

Insurance Commissioner Stacey W. Wade believes that "the year 1925 will prove to be the greatest year that

life insurance companies doing business in North Carolina ever had," he said today. "Complete returns will not be available until after the close of the year, but the Insurance Department has in hand sufficient information to show that practically everyone of the 78 life insurance companies doing business in the state has increased largely its North Carolina business."

"North Carolina has 10 life insurance companies, all of them in healthy, active condition. All of these will show fine gains in business written and in assets for the year."

Mr. Wade is also gratified to be able to report that "the state has made long strides forward in fire prevention work during the year. There have been more cities and towns putting in new and improved fire-fighting equipment and enlarging their water supply systems during the past year than for any previous five years of the history of the State combined."

"During the year, the building and loan division of the Insurance Department has examined 50 or more building and loan associations, and placed them in healthy condition. When all the returns are in, 1925 will stand out as the greatest year the building and loan associations of the state have ever experienced."

The New Year statement from the Corporation Commission reads:

"So far as the responsibilities of the Corporation Commission keep in touch with the business life of the state, we would say that 1925 has been a year of real progress and prosperity. This was more pronounced in the latter half of the year; and, if existing conditions hold, they give promise of greater prosperity for 1926."

"Banking resources in the state have again reached and exceeded the highest figures of the war period. Where there is an over-supply of banking facilities, consolidations have been encouraged. Eight consolidations, involving 16 banks, were effected during the year. The state banks were voluntarily liquidated and depositors paid in full, and nine small banks were closed."

"Public service companies generally

are enjoying a prosperity which gives them a market for their securities to provide expanding facilities for our growing cities and towns, and some important reductions in rates have been made in 1925."

"In the field of inter-state freight rates, a reduction of 20 cents per ton on coal was secured, effective August 20, and a tentative decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission provided for a substantial reduction of all class rates to and from the central west. Final action in this proceeding is expected in the coming year."

"The last General Assembly gave the Commission supervision of bus lines and administration of the Blue-Sky law. Bus operators have largely increased and service is gradually becoming standardized. Operators are required to use union station wherever two or more companies serve the same point."

"The Blue-Sky law has operated to keep salesmen of fraudulent securities out of the state. Only five companies have qualified under the new law, and these for a total of \$199,000 of stock at its par value, so that practically all securities sold in the state during the year wear of the character exempted by the law."

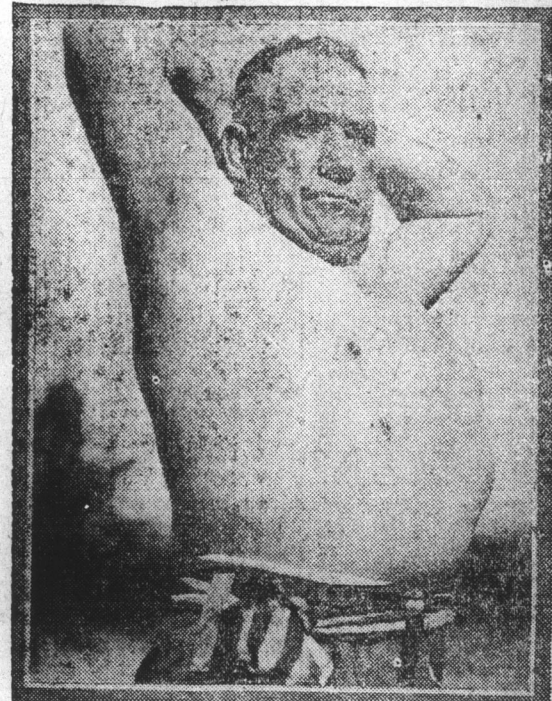
EMBARRASSING MOMENTS.

New York Mirror.

A man came to my door shabbily dressed. He started to speak, but I cut him off with: "I don't want any vegetables today." He answered: "Excuse me madam, but I'm your neighbor, and I thought you might be able to use some apples, as I have more than I need."

The most embarrassing moment of my life was on the day before Christmas, when coming out of a store after doing some shopping, I noticed a car standing at the curb which looked like my brother's. I climbed into the car and made myself comfortable while waiting for my brother to turn up. I was startled by a voice, which said, "Lady, you are making a mistake, or either I am, but I'm certain this is my car."

### Tom Sharkey Tries A "Come Back"



Here is Tom Sharkey as he recently appeared in a prize ring. He is trying to make a "come back." The photograph is taken from January Sportlife, a Macfadden publication which contains the story of the most picturesque character of the prize ring.

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