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What is normalcy?

The woman who appears on the
 beach in a modern bathing suit
 has to have sand.

Things might be worse. The
 Fordney tariff has not yet been
 filmed.

It appears that a king of Eng-
 land can call another man a liar
 like a gentleman.

Having reported its usual mat-
 inee revolution, Mexico will not
 again become unconscious.

PERSISTENCE WINS

A fight lasting over a period of
 six years or more for a bridge
 across Roanoke River has culmi-
 nated in the actual raising of the
 necessary money for the com-
 pletion of this project. During
 all time the Roanoke River has
 been as a wall to the North of
 Scotland Neck, and has limited
 its trading area in that direction
 to a bare six or seven miles of
 sparsely populated territory, but
 the completion of this bridge
 will mean the elimination of this
 handicap, and it only remains for
 the initiative of the business men
 of this town to find a way to in-
 duce the trade across the river
 to come this way.

Is it a fact, often testified, that
 Scotland Neck possesses as at-
 tractive stores as any town many
 times its size, and up to the time
 of the present depression, has
 always carried an attractive line
 of goods. If the merchants will
 only get down to brass tacks and
 study the needs and wants of
 this new population, make friends
 with the people, and bid for
 their trade, they will get it, but
 if they simply wait for it to come
 without any inducement, it will
 continue to go elsewhere.

Invite these new neighbors
 over, show them that you want
 to make real friends of them,
 make the stores attractive and
 carry the goods that they want
 to buy, and the business of Scot-
 land Neck will increase beyond
 all expectations.

Under the new system of mar-
 keting peanuts, it is very prob-
 able that a market place will be
 provided here, and the present
 peanut factory utilized. It now
 seems that cooperative market-
 ing of warehouses should be
 built here. The same applies to
 tobacco. If we provide all these
 facilities for the convenience of
 the producers of this section,
 they will market here, and where
 they market their produce is
 where they are going to spend
 their money. The opportunity
 is ours. Will we meet it? The
 answer remains with our business
 interests.

THE CRIME OF ILLITERACY

In these enlightened days it is

a crime for any one not to be
 able to read and write; it is a
 crime upon the individual, upon
 the parents, upon the county and
 state.

According to the 1920 census
 there are 241,445 illiterate per-
 sons ten years of age and over
 in the state of North Carolina.
 Of this number 104,673 are na-
 tive whites of native parents,
 171 are of foreign or mixed par-
 entage, and 474 are of foreign
 birth. The number of illiterate
 negroes is 133,516. The percent-
 age of illiteracy of all classes is
 13.1, which shows a gratifying
 decrease since 1910 census, the
 rate then being 18.5 There is
 more illiteracy in the rural dis-
 tricts than in the cities, and that
 is what we here are interested in.
 The highest percentage of illiter-
 acy among whites in this State is
 in Edgecombe County, which
 shows 22.4 while the lowest is Bun-
 combe, with a percentage of 6.4.

Halifax County shows a per-
 centage of illiteracy of 19.7. This
 is not a creditable showing for
 Halifax, in comparison with the
 other counties of the state. Am-
 ple school facilities are provided
 and now it is only the careles-
 sness of parents and children if
 they are not taking advantage
 of their opportunity. There is
 absolutely no excuse for a person
 young or old not knowing how
 to read or write and in these
 modern days a person should be
 ashamed to acknowledge that
 they are illiterate. The law re-
 quiring school attendance should
 be strictly enforced and the illit-
 erates of the county should be
 sought out and taught to read
 and write. A person who is not
 educated to a more or less extent
 is a drag upon himself as well
 as upon his community and this
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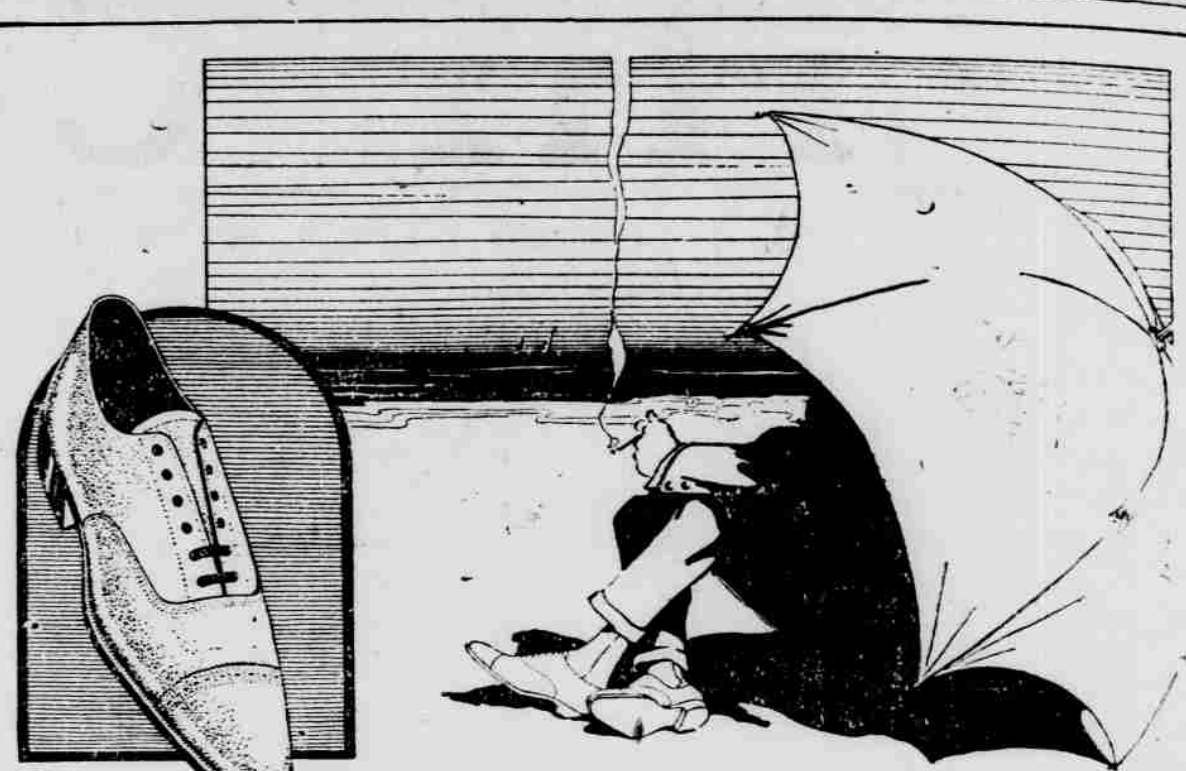
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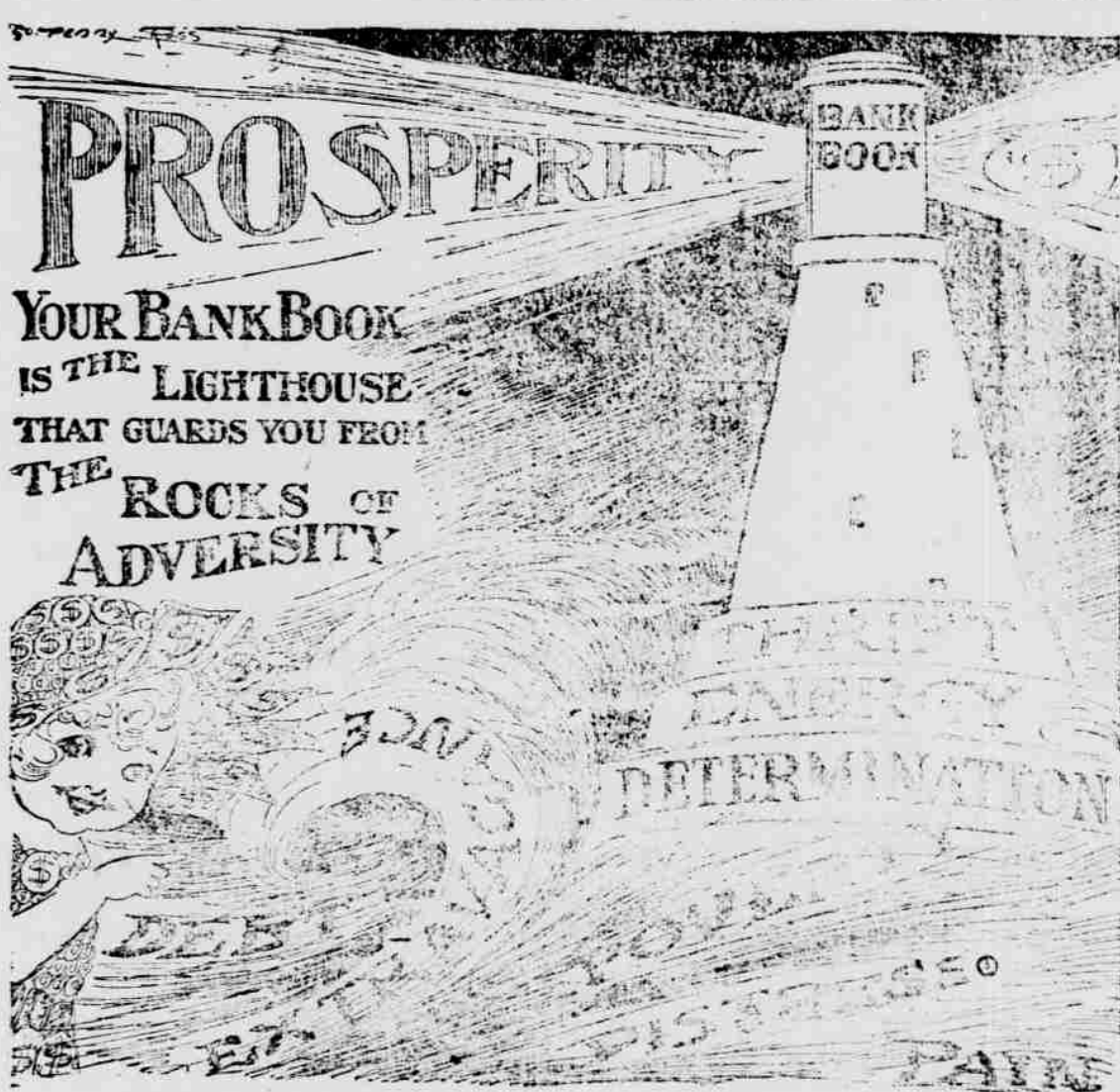


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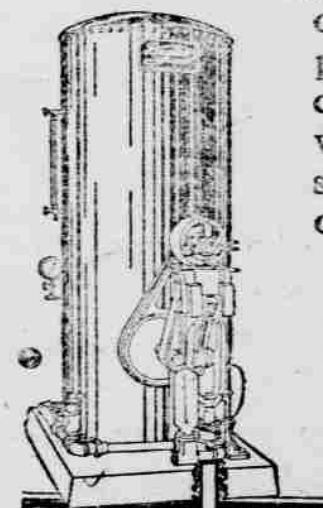
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