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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

LIFE AND GOOD DAYS:
He that will love life, and see
good days, let him refrain his
tongue from evil, and his lips
that they speak no guile.—1 Pet-
er 3: 10.

ECONOMIC SUICIDE

It is always unpleasant to have
to say or write disagreeable
things, but at times it is vitally
necessary in order to impress
them upon the minds of hearers
or readers.

Halifax County is pursuing a
course of economic suicide just
as much so as a person courts
death who persists in drinking
monkey rum and other vile con-
coctions offered as drink, delib-
erately abusing a body which
God Almighty intended should
be kept clean and pure.

North Carolina sent out of the
State for food and feed, accord-
ing to the 1920 census, the enor-
mous sum of \$229,000,000, of
which amount Halifax County
contributed the startling sum of
\$4,297,768. Halifax County
normally produces around thirty
two thousand bales of cotton.
Valued at twenty cents per
pound this means that we are
sending out of this county for
food and feed more money than
is derived from the entire cot-
ton crop. The question is where
will such a course persisted in
lead us? In fact, where are we
now? These are disagreeable
facts and they must be faced.

Only three counties in the en-
tire State show a surplus pro-
duction of these essentials to
human and animal life, yet we
could produce in this State suf-
ficient to feed ourselves and ten
other states if necessary.

More humiliating still is the
fact that Halifax County is out-
distanced only by ten counties in
the State in amounts sent out.

Such a course persisted in
means destitution and poverty
beyond expression and imagina-
tion, and should the boll weevil
strike us before this condition is
corrected it will mean bankrupt-
cy not only to the farmers them-
selves, but to merchants and
banks as well. The fight which
we have instituted for diversifi-
cation in this community and
county should be persisted in
with renewed energy until every
single farm in this community
and county is not only
dreamed of and suffering un-
self sustaining, but is producing
a surplus for the market. In
that way only can we hope to
save our section from woes un-
dreamed of and suffering un-
told. The situation is worthy of
the best effort of the best brains
among us, for it is a condition
which affects every phase of life;
which threatens the future of

business, of schools, of churches
and society. It is a grave situa-
tion and should not be lightly
dealt with.

**A VISIT TO OUR NEIGHBORS
ACROSS THE ROANOKE**

By NORFLEET S. SMITH
Last week the opportunity
presented itself to me to make a
visit to Northampton in company
with the Vice-President and Man-
ager of the Eastern Carolina
Chamber of Commerce, and it
was promptly grasped, for two
reasons—first, because I am ex-
tremely interested in the program
of that organization and believe
if persistently fostered it will
revolutionize agricultural condi-
tions in Eastern North Carolina,
and secondly, because I wanted
an opportunity to know our
neighbors across the Roanoke and
wanted to tell them something of
Scotland Neck, what it is doing,
and what they may expect to
find when that long talked of
bridge is built across the Roa-
noke.

We left Scotland Neck by car
about two o'clock Wednesday
afternoon, July 5th, and drove
direct to Rich Square. Al-
though the heaviest rain on
record had fallen Tuesday after-
noon we found the roads in good
condition all the way, except at
one point between Jackson and
Rich Square, where several new
bridges are being built, and
where a detour had to be made.

Wednesday night we held a
meeting at the school house be-
fore a representative body of
citizens, our good friend, Andrew
J. Connor, editor of the Roanoke-
Chowan Times, being chairman.

We told them what Scotland
Neck was doing to prepare itself
for the advent of the boll weevil,
and that this community had de-
termined to do what no other
community in the South had yet
done, and that is, prepare itself
in advance so that it will not
have a period of reconstruction
after the boll weevil gets in its
work.

Considerable interest was
manifested in the program as
outlined by Mr. N. G. Barlett,
manager of the Eastern Carolina
Chamber of Commerce, and Rich
Square pledged its support to the
organization. They are alive
to the grave situation facing this
section and realize the necessity
of promoting the live stock and
poultry industry, and general
diversified farming. They are
already doing something along
that line through a Farm Life
School, under the direction of
Mr. Jernigan, who is a young
man of enthusiasm and wide
awake to the situation. He ac-
companied us on part of our trip.

for which we were very appre-
ciative, for through him we were
enabled to meet the proper peo-
ple in each community.

The night was spent in Rich
Square, and it is but right that
we compliment the Stanford Hot-
tel, run by Mrs. Peele. The fare
was excellent and the rooms neat
and attractive. No one need
hesitate about spending a night
in Rich Square.

From there we drove Thurs-
day morning to Woodland and
on to Conway, holding meetings
in each town and carrying to
them the same message as deliv-
ered to the people of Rich Square,
which received the same atten-
tive reception and interest.

The most enthusiastic and sat-
isfactory meeting was held in
Jackson, thanks to Mr. Wilson
Pugh, cashier of the Bank of
Northampton and Solicitor G. E.
Midyette. It was a fine body of
men which assembled in the di-
rectors room of the bank to hear
the program of the Eastern Caro-
lina Chamber of Commerce out-
lined, and to hear what Scotland
Neck is doing to prepare itself
for the advent of the weevil.

From Jackson we went to
Seaboard and held a meeting at
the Planters Bank of that place,
and then drove to Roanoke Rap-
ids for a meeting Friday night.

Roanoke Rapids is thoroughly
alive to the situation confronting
this section. We assisted in
organizing a Chamber of Com-
merce at that point, Dr. T. W. M.
Long being elected temporary
president and J. T. Stainback
secretary. They subscribed in
full to their quota for the pro-
motion of the Eastern Carolina
Chamber, and expressed the in-
tention of employing a full time
man to develop Roanoke Rapids
and its adjacent territory.

We found the people of North-
ampton much interested in the
proposed and promised bridge
across the Roanoke River and
considerable interest manifested
in Scotland Neck itself. There
were many assurances of inten-
tion to visit the town soon as the
many assurances of intention to
visit the town as soon as the
bridge should be completed. The
work on the road on the other
side between Rich Square and
the river is progressing rapidly.

We enjoyed the visit to our
neighbors across the river and
deeply appreciate their cordial
reception, and we again extend
to them a warm invitation to
visit us now before the bridge is
completed in order that we may
become better acquainted, as
neighbors should be. We look
forward with anticipation to an-
other such pleasant visit to our
friends and neighbors in North-
ampton.

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