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# TUESDAY, JULY 11, 1922.

# 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 Peter 3: 10.

# ECONOMIC SUICIDE

necessary in order to impress them upon the minds of hearers or readers.

Halifax County is persuing a course of economic suicide just as much so as a person courts death who persists in drinking monkey rum and other vile concoctions offered as drink, delib erately abusing a body which God Almightly intended should to the grave situation facing this neighbors across the river and be kept clean and pure.

State for food and feed, accord- diversified farming. They are visit us now before the bridge is ing to the 1920 census, the enor- already doing something along completed in order that we may mous sum of \$229,000,000, of that line through a Farm Life become better acquainted, which amount Halifax County contributed the startling sum of \$4,297,768. Halifax County awake to the situation. He ac- friends and neighbors in North normally produces around thirty companied us on part of our trip, ampton. two thousand bales of cotton. Valued at twenty cents pound this means that we are sending out of this county for food and feed more money than is derived from the entire cotton crop. The question is where will such a course persisted in lead us? In fact, where are wenow? These are disagreeable facts and they must be faced.

Only three counties in the entire State show a surplus production of these essentials human and animal life, yet we could produce in this State sufficient to feed ourselves and ten other states if necessary.

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

Such a course persisted in means destitution and poverty beyond expression and imagination, and should the boll weevil strike us before this condition is corrected it will mean bankruptey not only to the farmers themselves, but to merchants and banks as well. The fight which we have instituted for diversification in this community and county should be persisted in with renewed energy until every single farm in this community and county is not dreamed of and suffering unself sustaining, but is producing a surplus for the market. In that way only can we hope to save our section from woes undreamed of an dsuffering untold. 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 for which we were very appreand society. It is a grave situa- ciative, for through him we were tion and should not be lightly dealt with.

## A VISIT TO OUR NEIGHBORS ACROSS THE ROANOKE

By NORFLEET S. SMITH

presented itself to me to make a in Rich Square. 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 extremely interested in the program which received the same attenof that organization and believe if persistently fostered it will revolutionize agricultural conditions in Eastern North Carolina,

about two o'clock Wednesday for the advent of the weevil. afternoon, July 5th, and drove direct to Rich Square. Although the heaviest rain on record had fallen Tuesday afternoon we found the roads in good ids for a meeting Friday night. condition all the way, except at Rich Square, where several new where a detour had to be made.

Wednesday night we held

It is always unpleasant to have for the advent of the boll weevil, and its adjacent territory. to say or write disagreeable and that this community had de- We found the people of North-

Square pledged its support to the the river is progressing rapidly. organization. They are alive We enjoyed the visit to our section and realize the necessity deeply appreciate their cordial of promoting the live stock and reception, and we again extend North Carolina sent out of the poultry industry, and general to them a warm invitation School, under the direction of neighbors should be. We look Mr. Jernigan, who is a young forward with anticipation to anman of enthusiasm and wide other such pleasant visit to our

enabled to meet the proper people in each community.

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

> From there we drove Thursday morning to Woodland and on to Conway, holding meetings in each town and carrying to them the same message as delivered to the people of Rich Square, tive reception and interest.

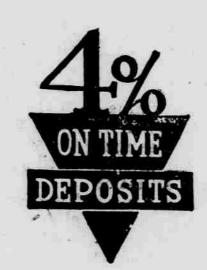
The most enthusiastic and satisfactory meeting was held and secondly, because I wanted Jackson, thanks to Mr. Wilson an opportunity to know our Pugh, cashier of the Bank of neighbors cross the Roanoke and Northampton and Solicitor G. E. wanted to tell them something of Midyette. It was a fine body of Scotland Neck, what it is doing, men which assembled in the diand what they may expect to rectors room of the bank to hear find when that long talked of the program of the Eastern Carobridge is built across the Roa- lina Chamber of Commerce outlined, and to hear what Scotland We left Scotland Neck by car Neck is doing to prepare itself

> From Jackson we went to Seaboard and held a meeting at the Planters Bank of that place, and then drove to Roanoke Rap-

Roanoke Rapids is thoroughly one point between Jackson and alive to the situation confronting this section. We assisted in bridges are being built, and organizing a Chamber of Commerce at that point, Dr. T. W. M. a Long being elected temporary meeting at the school house be- president and J. T. Stainback fore a representative body of secretary. They subscribed in citizens, our good friend, Andrew full to their quota for the pro-J. Connor, editor of the Roanoke- motion of the Eastern Carolina Chowan Times, being chairman. Chamber, and expressed the m-We told them what Scotland tention of employing a full time Neck was doing to prepare itself man to develope Roanoke Rapids

things, but at times it is virally termined to do what no other ampton much interested in the community in the South had yet proposed and promised bridge done, and that is, prepare itself across the Roanoke River and in advance so that it will not considerable interest manifested have a period of reconstruction in Scotland Neck itself. There after the boll weevil gets in its were many assurances of intention to visit the town soon as the Considerable interest was many assurances of intention to manifested in the program as visit the town as soon as the outlined by Mr. N. G. Barlett, bridge should be completed. The manager of the Eastern Carolina work on the road on the other Chamber of Commerce, and Rich side between Rich Square and

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