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TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 10, 1927

The directors of the Eastern Carolina
 Chamber of Commerce are contemplating
 taking the peanut show to the Middle West
 next year. This seems to be the best way to
 advertise the country's largest producing
 area, for the folks at home already know
 about it. When other states know the ad-
 vantages to be had in North Carolina, some-
 body will be coming here to see about them.

Beside the filling station now
 The village smithy stands,
 And many dollars fall into
 His large and sinewy hands.
 —Florida Times-Union

Tell me not in mournful numbers
 That the blacksmith's work is done
 That the old gray mare now slumbers
 And only cars will run.
 Mules are real! horses earnest!
 And their weary way still plod;
 Still, the earth the plow upturneth,
 And the plow horses must be shod.

WE NEED TAX RELIEF—

Senator Simmons who recently gave the
 Goldsboro News an interview says that the
 biggest problem confronting North Caro-
 lina today is taxation. He thinks that land
 is being made to bear an unfair amount of
 taxation, and believes that relief could be
 afforded if the State would assume the bur-
 den of education and provide a uniform tax
 in all counties. Senator Simmons is on the
 right track. When taxes become so high
 that all incentive to save and invest in real
 property is destroyed, it is time to consider
 relief measures. It does little good to preach
 thrift, to try to accumulate property, and
 then be required to pay out so much in tax-
 es, in insurance and in upkeep that it is a
 losing proposition. People then begin either
 to talk non taxable securities, or to consider
 "blowing in" what they make. Either course
 makes it harder for the fellow who must
 own some real estate.

Johnston County folks would be mighty
 glad to find some relief from school taxes
 and also from road tax. When we get ready
 to nominate our next legislative ticket, we
 should keep all of these things in mind and
 send some one to Raleigh who can find a
 way out.

LESS POLITICS AND MORE BUSINESS—

One of the county commissioners expressed
 our sentiments yesterday when he said that
 a solution of many of our county problems
 would be the adoption of the County manager
 plan. A board of commissioners may be the
 very best of business men, but they neces-
 sarily cannot attend to the business of a
 county as large as Johnston simply by hold-
 ing two or three meetings during a month.
 They cannot afford to neglect their own
 affairs for the mere pittance which they re-
 ceive. A county manager should be chosen
 because he is especially fitted for such a
 job, and not because he belongs to a cer-
 tain political party. The office should not
 be elective. A general policy should be
 determined upon which would be carried
 out regardless of which

party might be in office and there would be
 plenty to keep such an official busy. The
 Fiscal Control Acts recommends a purchas-
 ing agent in the county and this alone is
 almost one man's job in a county the size
 of Johnston. It is time our people are con-
 sidering what is the most business like
 method of conducting county government,
 with a view to putting it into effect. We
 are not advocating a new official to draw
 additional salary. We are advocating busi-
 ness like methods that would do away with
 some of the overhead expense. What the
 people want is economy. They want value
 received for the tax money they pay. They
 want full publicity as to what goes with the
 tax money. They want less politics and
 more business.

PICKED UP HERE AND THERE—

A letter in our mail one day this week
 reminded us that regularity is a great thing
 but it is only when an irregularity occurs
 that we realize this fact. As our readers
 know, we are pretty regular in sending them
 the Herald each Tuesday and Friday. Only
 during Christmas week do we deflect from
 this course and supply our subscribers with
 only one issue. But even the missing of
 this one issue is always the occasion for
 some one to let us know that, while they
 did not read the announcement that this
 issue would be missed, they want to know
 what is the matter with their paper that
 they did not get a copy. This Christmas
 was no exception, and the letter on our
 desk now is asking for an issue of Dec. 27
 so that the writer will not lose an install-
 ment of "Chevrons." This request came
 from as far west as Ohio, reminding us
 also that the Herald goes into homes far
 and near. We like for folks to ask about
 their paper, for we know then that they
 are interested in it.

"We are asking the state for farm relief,"
 declared Rev. D. H. Tuttle in his sermon
 at a local church Sunday, "but we will
 never get it until our prayers rise higher
 than Washington." The minister further
 stated that if Johnston County would pour

out a tenth of its increase for the Lord's
 work the farmers have never seen such a
 harvest as would be in 1928. These are
 some statements worth considering. Do we
 not often lose sight of the scripture: "The
 earth is the Lord's and the fullness there-
 of" and withhold from God what belongs to
 Him? Any one who heard Mr. Tuttle will
 no doubt think on these things. His argu-
 ments are always convincing because he
 backs them with words from the Bible.

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS OF COUNTRY ON INCREASE—

Because Building and Loan Associations
 are able to pay their depositing members a
 greater return on their savings than they
 can secure from almost any other source
 with the same degree of safety, the busi-
 ness of these associations continues to grow.
 The total number of associations in the
 United States now is 12,710, with a mem-
 bership of 11,305,000. According to figures
 given out by H. F. Cellarius, secretary of the
 U. S. League of Building and Loan Associa-
 tions, the estimated aggregate assets of
 these associations is now \$7,062,525,000 the
 rate of increase being 11 1/2 percent for last
 year. The increase in assets for the last five
 years has been nearly 80 percent, while the
 increase in membership has been a little over
 56 percent. Gilbert Hedrix of Concord, president
 of the North Carolina League, states that
 this state has maintained the record of
 progress established during the past few
 years. Dwelling construction has held up
 well, and the North Carolina Associations
 have been instrumental in building an av-
 erage of 6,000 dwellings each year during
 the past five years. The resources of these
 associations in this state now total \$90,000,000.

Johnston County needs to learn of Mar-
 ine County in California as to how keep
 from running a county boarding house. The
 California County, with a population up-
 wards of 30,000 folks, has had an empty
 jail for months, with the exception of one
 "trusty" who looks after the lawn.

THE TRASH PILE

By A. RAKE
 Years and years ago, so many
 in fact that I don't like to count
 them too carefully, when I was
 playing around in the yard in
 knickerbocker clothes, building the
 frog house, fishing in the horse
 trough, and getting resounding
 thrashings at rather short inter-
 vals, I was frequently enjoined by
 my more powerful kin to throw
 something on the "trash pile." And
 because these commands took me
 away from my "horse trough" fish-
 ing and my frog house building, I
 learned very early to have a de-
 cided dislike for any sort of trash
 pile or anything that looked
 like a trash pile until one day I
 used a bit of broken plate and
 built a better frog house than I
 have ever made before. It was
 quite a decent frog house, nice
 enough and up to date enough for
 the most meticulous of frogs. In
 fact, I think that it was imposing
 enough even for members of the
 "first set" in our frog colony!
 Ever since that time I have had
 a tremendous sort of respect for
 trash piles; for I should never
 have achieved such a masterpiece
 of frog house architecture if it had
 not been for the broken bit of
 plate that I fished out of the trash
 pile in our ancestral back yard.
 After that day, to the accompani-
 ment of scandalized exclamations
 from the other members of my
 family, I always took my youthful
 visitors to the "trash pile" to play.
 We used to spend some very bliss-
 ful hours moving broken plows,
 throwing aside old shoes, and scat-
 tering the pile of rubbish over an
 area something less than an acre
 in our search for things that might
 help us in our play. Occasionally
 we were rewarded by a broken
 knife, part of a spoon, or an old
 bottle. The glory of these mo-
 ments of triumph were worth the
 whipping I usually got the next
 day!
 These later years, though, I have
 added a certain number of years
 to my chronological age until it
 has become undignified to play
 around the old trash pile, build
 frog houses, and fish in the horse
 trough. And so I have taken to
 spending my play hours in looking
 over my mental trash pile. I find
 some rather odd things in my
 browsing around—old ideas that I
 discarded during my four years in
 incarceration in college and that I
 find are quite tenable and sound
 now, incidents that occurred years

and years ago that I thought at
 the time worthless, but which now
 lend a sort of mellow glow to my
 quiet moments.
 To drag these various and vari-
 colored things from the dust-laden
 shelves of the mental junk-closet
 is a fascinating experience. Some-
 times the ideas are worthless to
 others and valuable to ourselves,
 and sometimes they are valuable
 to others and quite worthless to
 others. At any rate it helps to pass
 away the time.

File Complaints With Board Commissioners

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 must be granted.
 The complaints brought yester-
 day to the board of commissioners
 no doubt resulted in a better un-
 derstanding of the school bond sit-
 uation which is only one phase of
 the tax problem.

ONLY ONE NOTABLE SPURNS TOWER VIEW

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Of all the
 visiting celebrities who have been
 given keys to the city of New York
 in the last two years, only Queen
 Marie of Rumania, has failed to
 climb to the top of the Woolworth
 tower to obtain from the world's
 tallest building a view of the sur-
 rounding topography.
 The Prince of Wales made his
 first trip up the 60 floors to the
 top of the tower on his first Amer-
 ican visit, Edward J. Hogan, su-
 perintendent of the building, re-
 calls, and Eked it so well that on
 his second call he slipped away
 from his hosts and journeyed in-
 cognito to the tower to get a view
 by moonlight. Two hundred thou-
 sand and persons a year ascend the
 tower.—Associated Press.

Wild-Eyed Customer: "I want a
 revolver; it's for my husband."
 Shopkeeper: "Did your husband
 tell you what kind to buy?"
 Customer: "I should say not. He
 doesn't even know I'm going to
 shoot him yet!"—Passing Show.

Jane: "I want some insect pow-
 der."
 Clerk: "Do you want to take it
 with you?"
 "Jane: "Of course not. I'll send
 the bugs to you and you can give
 it to them."

Fire prevention is not a science,
 it is simply the exercise of sound
 common sense.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

The First & Citizens Nat'l Bank

No. 10502

Smithfield, N. C.

At the Close of Business, December 31st, 1927

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 798,039.81
Overdrafts	211.33
United States Bonds	90,700.00
N. C. State Bonds	20,000.00
Federal Land Bank Bonds	20,000.00
Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds	20,582.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	6,850.00
Other Bonds, Stocks, Etc.	2,000.00
Real Estate, Banking House, Furniture and Fix.	76,000.00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer	2,800.00
Cash on hand and in banks	260,083.73
	\$1,297,267.37

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 175,000.00
Surplus Fund	52,500.00
Undivided Profits	6,253.59
Unearned Interest	3,170.21
Accrued Interest due Depositors	1,431.45
Circulating Notes	56,000.00

Deposits 1,002,912.12

\$1,297,267.37

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