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### The Dawn of a Better Day

Nineteen hundred and twenty-eight has plenty in store for all those who try. Some few folks are growling and whining about the hard times both man and beast than at any ahead. But the complainers have been on earth since its earliest history and are still here, and some will be here to pester the next generation. There are always a lot of loafers going through the land for working folks to feed. We, unfortunately, hear more complaints from those who do not work than we hear from those who do.

Our section of the country certainly has a good show for a prosperous year. It owes less money than it has

### W. O. Saunders and Edgar A. Guest's Debate

Edgar A. Guest and W. O. Saunders, both distinguished writers, have recently written on the subject of church going. Mr. Guest, of Detroit, giving reasons why he likes to go to church, while Mr. Saunders, editor of the Elizabeth City Independent, tells why he does not like to go to church. Mr. Saunders is well known throughout a large section of the country because of the strength of his writing and his power to express himself. He really does not use a pen in his writing, but carries a two-edged sword and parts asunder the bone and marrow of everything crossing his path.

But when he comes down to the church, he appears not quite so well versed as when he is handling town politics, political corruption, and social scandal.

Mr. Saunders took Mr. Guest to task in an editorial recently for a clause which appeared in Mr. Guest's article, in which he said, "I do not join with non-believers and non-

since it "busted" in 1920, it has more cash on hand than at any time since 1920; it has more provisions for both man and beast than at any time since Columbus discovered America. And, best of all, the people have more sanity than at any time since the war upheaval. We possibly have a better spirit of cooperation, one interest with another, all working for the general good, than ever before.

With all of our advantages for starting the new year, we have no reason for not making 1928 a good year.

church goes, because I see no hope where they would take me. I see them trying to lead me and my children into license and debauchery, into a cruel struggle for existence on the earth and to a hopeless death bed at the last. I will not set my face or the faces of my children toward such a wilderness." To this Mr. Saunders excepts. He says that "Eddie Guest slipped a cog," and then attempts to dispute and prove Mr. Guest's error.

Although Mr. Saunders had said in his magazine article "I believe in Jesus and the things He taught . . . Very heartily do I believe in Him and His teachings," he disagrees when Mr. Guest sets up the church as the center in which people gather to worship, whether it be in a house, on a hillside, or on the seashore. They gather with one purpose, to worship the God who made them, the earth, the skies, and the sea, in the spirit and fellowship of love that Christ taught while on earth. Mr. Caun-

ders says he does not like to do that; he had rather go down to his native sand dunes and marshes and read Emerson or Durant's Story of Philosophy, where he gets more inspiration than in a month's sermons. He further states that in the stars, the restless and resistless billows of the sea, in the dimpled laughter of babies wriggling their pink and awkward little toes, "I see God." Certainly, if Mr. Saunders can see God and believe in Christ, he is up with any church goer, and possibly needs no church. Yet he is commanded to do more; he must go to church and help others to see God or there is a possibility of getting away from God himself.

Where Mr. Saunders makes his greatest blunder is when he introduces infidels and agnostics to prove his point, taking those men who, he says, lived in his own town and who believed in neither God nor Christ.

He again, with apparent delight, cites young Hickman as "a nice little Sunday-school boy and active in the church." He fails to say that young Hickman was alright as long as he was in the church, truthful, honest, and trusted; but that when he left the church service, thinking himself able to get along nicely without the church, he soon drifted into the show business and then into robbery, and then into brutal and barbarous murder. The same thing also applied to Judas Iscariot. He left the company of Jesus and deserted His teachings and then betrayed Him for \$15; only to reflect later, and then, filled with remorse, crossed the Valley of Hinnom and hanged himself.

The church is truth and love. The members of the church, or those enrolled as members, may not possess much of either truth or love, and may be subjects for much criticism, and as much hindrance as they are help to the church, yet no man can honestly measure the church according to its weakest members. Nor does the man have much to boast of who is simply better than some church members. It is the duty of every man to live up to the principles of that church of which Jesus said "the gates of hell shall not prevail against," and no man, whether he be Christian, semi-Christian, infidel, agnostic or atheist, can shake. Let Mr. Saunders show us the man

### Better Tobacco—Not More Tobacco

Are we going to try to raise too much tobacco? From every indication, the Bright Leaf Territory, extending from the Potomac River to the Florida line, is planning to strain itself for a big crop.

Doubtless a big crop will mean low prices, and it is almost certain to mean poor quality, because when a farmer has more tobacco than he can take care of, he is certain to have a poor crop.

who grew stronger in citizenship, in character, in love for humanity and reverence for God by leaving the church and who died happier thereby.

Georgia is expected to almost double its acreage; the outlying districts of North Carolina are going to plant twice as much, and it is said that the territory that has planted its full capacity in former times will utilize the fence jams for increasing the 1928 acreage.

Now is the time to sow plenty of good seed in a well-prepared bed, and have plenty of plants early; to set no more ground than can be well cultivated, properly topped and suckered, and primed the very day that it gets ripe; cured until every stem is fully dry. Then house and protect from dampness, grade well and

put on the market in the best possible condition.

Nobody ever gets much out of the hit-or-miss helter-skelter method of raising tobacco, and any man who tackles more than he can handle will sooner or later find that it is a foolish thing to do.

TENANTS WANTED ON BEST part old Ballard farm, new buildings built for desirable tenant and contract so tenants can make some money, 134 acres cleared. See W. C. Manning, Williamston. 430-4

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Amron or Ten Hills	STRING BEANS	can	10 <sup>c</sup>
Pride of Hillsboro	CORN	Large can three for	25 <sup>c</sup>
Gorton's Ready to Fry	CODFISH	Two cans	25 <sup>c</sup>
California Yellow Cling	PEACHES	Three large cans	50 <sup>c</sup>
		Large Halves in Heavy Sugar Syrup	
D. P. Fancy	SUGAR CORN	can	18 <sup>c</sup>
Colonial Small	LIMA BEANS	can	13 <sup>c</sup>
Snider's Fancy	SLICED BEETS	can	12 <sup>c</sup>
		Large No. 2 1-2 can	23 <sup>c</sup>
		PEARLS, can	
		Libby's Sliced PINEAPPLE	15 <sup>c</sup>
		Libby or Del Monte SLICED PEACHES	15 <sup>c</sup>
D. P. COFFEE	The World's Best Drink, lb.		47 <sup>c</sup>
D. P. FAMOUS CAKE	OUR PRIDE BREAD		
Plain, layer, light fruit	21 Ounces of Quality		
25 <sup>c</sup> LB.	10 <sup>c</sup>		
SALT PORK	D. P. BACON		
Rib Bellies, lb.	18c		
Plates, lb.	15c		
Fat Backs, lb.	17c		
	Breakfast Sliced		
	1-2 lb. carton 23 <sup>c</sup>	1 lb. carton 45 <sup>c</sup>	

### STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

# FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK

WILLIAMSTON, N. C.

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31ST, 1927

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$423,138.43
Trade Acceptances	18,976.34
Liberty Bonds	82,750.00
Other Bonds and Stocks	65,900.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	16,240.51
Other real estate	24,103.53
CASH and DUE FROM BANKS	390,622.71
	<b>\$1,021,731.52</b>

### LIABILITIES

Capital	\$100,000.00
Surplus	5,000.00
Undivided profits	1,666.39
DEPOSITS	915,065.13
	<b>\$1,021,731.52</b>

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE CONFIDENCE OF OUR FRIENDS WHO HAVE MADE THE ABOVE STATEMENT POSSIBLE. WE PLEDGE OURSELVES TO CARE ON IN SUCH MANNER THAT THE DEPOSITORS' MONEY WILL ALWAYS BE SAFE IN THIS BANK.

WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH OUR MANY FRIENDS A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

DEPOSITS DECEMBER 31, 1925	\$520,633.77
DEPOSITS DECEMBER 31, 1926	723,392.77
DEPOSITS DECEMBER 31, 1927	915,065.13

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