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**What's In A Name?**

Returning a few weeks ago from the great city of New York, a countryman in a nearby county said he was greatly befuddled, but that he added to his education. One of the important things he learned, according to his own words, was that a name means nothing, and he cited a few cases.

He learned that they did not play polo at the Polo Grounds, that the governor did not own Governor's Island out in the famous harbor. Broadway, while a bit long, he found was not so broad and that the gay white way was neither gay nor white. They do no bowling at Bowling Green, and to add to the confusion he learned that the Holland Tunnel is not in the least connected with the Netherlands.

The countryman though he was, he had been a few places and he could adapt himself to new situations. But he was befuddled when he tried to understand New York names. He was disappointed when he learned that Radio City was without a mayor, that the people in that great radio center had never gotten around to the task of electing a board of commissioners. Tin Pan Alley, he found, wasn't an alley after all, and no pans were to be seen there. Exploring in and around the Battery, he found no batteries. Searching for Madison Square Garden he did not find it in Madison Square, and when he found it, there was no garden.

East New York he found to be in Brooklyn, while over in New Jersey he found himself in West New York. Traveling down West Street he found himself by the North River, and when riding down South Street he paralleled the East River. He rode the subway half the time on elevated tracks.

Down home he finds sinners calling themselves Christians. Often he says friends are enemies. A fact he often classifies as a falsehood.

He finds it all so confusing, and he wonders what's a name after all, agreeing at last with H. M. S. Pinafore who said:  
"Things are seldom what they seem;  
"Skimmed milk masquerades as cream;  
"Highlows pass as patent leathers,  
"Jackdraws strut in peacock's feathers—  
"Very true; so they do."

**Useful Institutions**

Elkin Tribune.

If the building and loan associations of North Carolina constitute a dependable barometer of the State's progress, and they do, then we have definite evidence that this State is on the upward climb.

According to Dan C. Boney, insurance commissioner, the building and loan associations did more business in 1936 than they have done in any other year since 1929, and show the first increase in business since that time.

Shareholders increased from 76,330 in 1935 to 87,243 in 1936, and cash on hand December 31, 1936, was \$3,443,641.29 greater than at the end of 1935. Mr. Boney says: "Not since 1929 has there been such an increase in the activity of these agencies of thrift as during the biennium of 1935-36. The growth during 1936, without any increase in the number of associations formed, reveals that the individual associations have recognized their opportunity and have made the work of promoting thrift and the building of homes their chief aim."

It should be significant to those who can spare even a meager twenty-five cents a week, that no building and loan association in North Carolina has lost a dollar for its shareholders in many conservative and safe local management. Yet years, due to intelligent state supervision and in these years millions and millions of dollars have been loaned to home-owners who otherwise would not be enjoying these comforts and thus contributing to the national stabilization that comes from home ownership.

If there is any fault to find it is in the fact that more people, particularly those in the wage-earning class, do not turn to these institutions that have so abundantly proved their worth. There are other methods of saving, yes, but none that commend themselves more plausibly than the building and loan associations.

The report of Commissioner Boney reflects healthy economic progress in North Carolina, but it also reflects a refreshing moral progress, for when men and women save and invest in homes the civic and moral standard inevitably climbs to a higher level.

**RAMBLING ABOUT**

By THE RAMBLER

**PICKED UP IN PASSING—**

A colored preacher, frock coated and dignified addressed one of his flock whom he met all dressed up waiting for a train at the Mackeys railroad station . . . "How's all your folks, sister?" he asked . . .

"Fine, Brother, just fine," she replied, beaming on him . . . "Pappy died last week; Mammy was took wurst, and the chillun has de whoop-in' cough" . . .

**ROPER IN THE LEAD—**

This week The Beacon is publishing a full page of Roper school news . . . which represents a great deal of work on the part of the students, some of the teachers . . . and especially Miss Cordula Lanier, the English teacher . . .

Your Rambler believes this page is something of which the Roper students, their parents, and the school board may well be proud . . . Such an undertaking is of considerable value to boys and girls, as it gives meaning and importance to the study of English.

Also, it may have taught them something of the quality of salesmanship, as they understood before they started that in order to have a page, they must do what every editor who wants news space must do . . . go out and sell the advertising necessary to finance it . . . And they did better than that . . . Not satisfied with selling just enough to cover the cost of printing, they sold enough more to net the class a profit of about \$11 . . . which will no doubt come in handy before the end of the year . . .

For the advertisers, too, this page should prove worth while, as it will be read with interest by boys and girls, teachers, and parents in the 1,500 homes where the Beacon is read each week . . . And with two, three, and four persons or more in many of the homes . . . It is quite possible that nearly 5,000 persons will see and be interested in this page . . . and incidentally the well-displayed advertisements which form the border.

**NORTH CAROLINA TODAY—**

Another of the pamphlets being published by the Governor's Hospitality Committee in its campaign to publicize the natural and industrial resources of the State has just come off the press . . . and like all of the work turned out so far by this committee it is a very creditable piece of literature . . .

Roy Hampton, a member of the Board of Conservation and Development, saw to it that Plymouth received its share of attention . . . There are pictures of the Kieckhefer pulp mill and the American Fork & Hoe Company plant . . .

Very appropriately this newest booklet is entitled "North Carolina Today" . . . The brief introduction is good . . . "Once it was the state of yesterday, brooding over its heritage of history . . . Then it was the state of Tomorrow, pregnant with promise of the future . . ."

"Now North Carolina is the Today state, already passing over the threshold of development of its natural advantages . . . Growing and prospering as it grows, North Carolina Today has its door open wide to those who would benefit themselves by joining efforts with us . . ."

**SIDELIGHTS ON FOOTBALL OPENER—**

There was a good turn-out for the Plymouth-Aulander game here last week . . . The girls did a nice job of cheering . . . Carl Bailey got a real kick out of serving as head linesman . . . And for this, there was more than reason . . . It may not be generally known, but Mr. Bailey was something of a football player himself in college . . . starred at center for several seasons, in fact . . . And he has been taking a great deal of interest in the Plymouth High School this year . . .

He has been on hand for team practice night after night . . . And has been sharing in Coach Armstrong's worries . . . Which were considerable . . . what with green men and new equipment that seemed as though it would never arrive . . . In fact, when the Rambler asked Coach Armstrong a day or two before the game for a confidential prediction as to who would win, Armstrong replied: "You can quote me as saying we are going to get licked 30 to nothing and maybe worse than that . . ."

**BILL HAD TO HOLD THEM—**

One of the most enthusiastic spectators was W. V. Hays, county farm agent, whose son, "Bill" Hays, was playing end . . . When things looked pretty bad for Plymouth with Aulander romping down the field, Hays, senior, shouted to Hays, junior . . . "Get in there and hold that line, Bill . . . or you will plow tomorrow" . . . And Bill held that line . . .

**LONG-RANGE FORECAST**

Last week The Beacon carried a story about the "passing of the Autumnal equinox" . . . And mentioned the fact that the ancient Britons, as every high school student of Latin knows, believed that this was a period of storms and bad weather . . . Well, the equinox is just passed . . . The bad weather, cold, damp, and dreary, is here . . . And so it appears that the Ancient Britons knew something about weather forecasting . . .

**'Man' of the Week . Miss Ethel M. Arps**

**Quiet Little Woman Boss of 3rd Largest Business Here**

This time the "Man of the Week" is a woman—a woman who runs the third largest business in Plymouth.

She is Miss Ethel M. Arps, actually, though not officially, manager of the American Fork & Hoe Company's handle factory here.

Miss Arps is a friendly, modest, womanly sort of person, and not at all the dominating type one would expect to find in charge of a factory where more than 40 men are employed.

Visit the factory, and you find her eager to talk about the business, proud of her fine laws and well-kept factory buildings—but not at all interested in talking about herself.

Of course, the obvious question is, "How did a woman happen to become manager of a factory of this sort?"

And the answer is that technically she is not. There simply is no manager, which leaves Miss Arps in charge.

It was not overnight that the officers of the company came to entrust her with the management of their Plymouth factory. She was 19 when she began working in the office as stenographer; now she is 36, and it was only after nearly 17 years that she was left in full charge.

Miss Arps never had the advantage of a commercial education such as

**Roper Man Proud Of His New Cotton Cleaning Machines**

**W. W. Mizelle Is Inviting His Friends and Neighbors To Inspect Gin**

Very proud of the new cotton cleaning machinery which he has recently installed in his gin, W. W. Mizelle, of Roper, is inviting all his friends and neighbors to come and see his machines in operation.

Purchased direct from the factory, his two new cleaners were operated for the first time last Friday and the difference between the baled cotton turned out by these machines and that produced by the old type was at once unmistakable.

From 10 to 20 pounds of trash was removed from each bale so that the cotton, after passing through the cleaner and gin was almost perfect and clearly of higher grade than it would have been had it been cleaned in the old-type machine.

Formerly the cleaning process was very simple. Cotton, drawn by a current of air through a series of pipes, entered the hopper of the machine, where a rapidly revolving drum with four flanges struck it, knocking out the worst of the trash. It then passed into the gin, where the seeds were removed, and from there went to the baler.

The new cleaning machinery is very different. Seed cotton enters by way of the same series of air pipes and passes over a similar revolving drum, where flanges knock loose some of the dirt in the same way.

But, instead of going next to the gin, it passes around, what can best be described as a "flipper roller," where more trash is pounded out, while a strong current of air, blowing in the opposite direction to that in which the roller is moving the cotton, carries away more waste, leaves, dirt, etc.

The cotton, very clean now, passes over another, much smaller, drum, where it is again struck by flanges, revolving at high speed, and goes next through a series of hook saws and more revolving drums, which complete the cleaning process.

One of the flanged drums over which the cotton must pass revolves at a speed of 650 times per minute and the others run at speeds of from 350 to 400 revolutions per minutes. Only ball bearings are used in



MISS ETHEL M. ARPS

many schools are now offering. She went through grammar and high schools here in Plymouth, then took a short correspondence course. That was her only educational preparation for her work.

When it was necessary for her to take dictation, she took it in abbreviated longhand, supplemented by a

mounting these in the machine. The entire apparatus runs with no sound other than that of the trash falling out into waste baskets and the low hum caused by the current of air carrying the cotton through the chambers.

From the cleaner, it goes to the gin and from the gin to the baler as before.

From 20 minutes to half an hour is required at present to complete the ginning of a bale of cotton weighing a little more than 500 pounds, but later, when the cotton contains less moisture it will be easier to handle, according to Mr. Mizelle and only 15 to 20 minutes will be required per bale.

Last year the Mizelle gin turned out 325 bales of cotton, and this year, Mr. Mizelle expects at least as much, and perhaps more, as his cleaning machinery is the only machinery of the sort in this section of the state.

**FIREPROOF PAINT**

A new type of fireproof paint recently developed in Germany is said to contain nitrogen salts incorporated with synthetic resin. When subjected to flame, the new paint develops an insulating foam crust that protects the wood against burning.

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few shorthand symbols she had picked up by herself.

But all who know her say she was always a good student, learning readily and remembering well.

Mrs. Robert Campbell, for example, recalls that when she was teaching school and had Miss Arps as one of her pupils, she was one of the brightest children in the school.

After she had finished high school, she went to work for Attorney Z. Vance Norman as secretary, then some months later took a job at the factory, where as time went on she was given more and more responsibility until last spring, when the manager was transferred, leaving her to do his work as well as her own.

At one time she was a member of the Junior Woman's Club here, but had to give it up as her work at the factory required so much of her time and energy that she could not keep abreast of the club activities.

However, she is president of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, and takes her responsibility to this organization quite seriously.

For recreation she likes to read

and enjoys driving about in her car. She has taken trips to such places as New York and Asheville, and hopes to see much more of the country when she has the time.

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