

THE DUNN DISPATCH

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PRISONS INVESTIGATED

Governor Bickett flung something else akin to a connotation last week when he learned that the Prisoners Relief Society, of Washington, intended to voice some complaint of penal institution conditions in North Carolina when the General Assembly holds its special session next month. The Governor declared that he would allow no investigation by "outlanders" that want none of their business, and that he wouldn't have them looping around, anyhow.

It develops, however, that Earl E. Dudding, head of the society, had already caused to be done all the investigating that was necessary, and that his society will have some facts to put before the legislators when they meet. It would not be surprising if Dudding has uncovered a lot of things that do not look well. Such things are always easy to find in a penal system so antiquated as that in use in this state.

Two years ago Dudding made a similar investigation in Virginia. He found some horrible things — but none illegal nor unactioned by law. It is a sad commentary on our civilization that the average man and woman is so lacking in humane instincts that prisons can be conducted as they are in North Carolina. Of course, when Dudding makes his disclosures all of us will be duly horrified — forgetting that we have never made a move to remedy the conditions most of us know exist.

SPEEDING

Divine Providence intervened today to save the lives of three innocent children jeopardized by the recklessness of a foolish youth who had been entrusted with the steering wheel of a high-powered car. It was just such an accident that was bound to happen with speed laws so flagrantly violated as they have been on the outer reaches of Broad street during the summer months.

Fortunately none of the little folk were killed, but that fact does not lessen the seriousness of the young driver's offense. But for a miracle there would have been fatalities. It is bad enough for fools to dash through the streets when they endanger nose save themselves, but when they are for the moment guardians of helpless children who are given into their care, their crime for speed is murderous and should be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

Broad street is not a race track. It is to automobilists one of the most dangerous thoroughfares in North Carolina, being fed as it is by all of the highways and streets that lead to the business district. No one should be permitted to drive through it at a speed greater than ten miles an hour. The Dispatch trusts that the police department will go after other offenders and make the street safe for decent people.

POWER AND WATER

Some of these days Dunn will awake to find that its power and water plant has become useless. And that the day will come soon if something is not done to relieve the heavy overhead the equipment is carrying. By constant watching on the part of Superintendent Bissell and faithful helpers the poor old plant is kept at work as regularly as is possible, but the frequent breakdowns of the last 12 months show that the limit has almost been reached.

Machines, like folk, need a rest occasionally. But the machines at the power station run night and day all the time unless they break down. They cannot be expected to hold up under such treatment — and they will not.

Superintendent Bissell after much investigation has recommended to the Board of Commissioners that all engines and other equipment be bought. This recommendation was made several months ago. With such equipment he can, he says, produce current sufficient to meet the requirements of Dunn for several years to come, and at a much lower cost than he is now supplying it.

There are many small enterprises in Dunn entirely dependent upon the plant for their power. When it closes down, they, too, must cease work. All have suffered heavily from the bad service.

Here, we believe, is a good opportunity for the Chamber of Commerce to prove its worth to Dunn. The chamber should strive to remedy the situation. A meeting to determine the feeling of the citizenship should be called at once. If it is found that the taxpayers are willing to put up the money for a new plant, this willingness should be made known to the Board of Commissioners.

THOS. N. THAXTON
Engineer and Surveyor
Member American Association of Engineers
Dunn, North Carolina

IN AND ABOUT THE TOWN

Colored people of Dunn, Durham, Fayetteville and intermediate points are planning to have a big time here on Monday, August 2, when the first annual colored racing meet will be held in the Fair Grounds. A hot game between Fayetteville and Durham has also been arranged for the occasion and it is expected that thousands of visitors will come from all parts of the surrounding country. A special train will be run from Durham over the Durham and Southern to bring the crowds from that part of the country traversed by this road. Regular trains on the Coast Line, it is thought, will be ample to take care of the crowds along its route.

Howard Wilkins is promoting the Dunn end of the project and is being aided in other towns by leading colored men. The races are expected to be among the best ever seen here. Six of the fastest Cumberland county horses have been entered for the races. Others are expected. Special provision will be made for the accommodation of white people if it is stated.

With more than twenty-five dwellings in course of construction and with half of these nearly completed, it looks now as if the housing situation in Dunn was in a fair way to be solved. For nearly a year there has been a serious lack of housing facilities and the town has suffered considerably thereby. Scores of families have been denied the privilege of living in Dunn because they were not able to get dwellings. If the building program had been started before the January census, it is certain that Dunn's population would have been more gratifying to those who care for numbers.

Forty per cent alcohol was discovered in a "soft" drink by the District of Columbia Health Department. It was being sold in the city of Washington and in Maryland and was advertised as a temperance beverage.

The English language was most unanimously favored for use in the League of Nations and for international commerce by the Stockholm Conference.

When chair pushers struck in Atlantic City, the boardwalk was almost deserted.



Ask to hear **The NEW EDISON**
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The test will be made with an Official Laboratory Model, taken from stock, such as can be bought in any Edison dealer's store." — Quoted THOMAS A. EDISON, Inc.

Barnes & Holliday Co.

BUSINESS LOCAL

FOR SALE—I HAVE SEVERAL one-year old shots for sale. See me at once if interested. Call phone 51. Henry Pope.

LAND FOR SALE—I HAVE FOR sale thirty two acres of river land in Corver's Creek township, Cumberland county, three miles east of Linden. Fine farming land, but not cleared. Some young timber. See or write to me. Easy terms. H. B. Anderson, Dunn, N. C. 7 19 St.

BEGINNING AUGUST 1 ALL WATER settlements with the town of Dunn will be according to meter readings. A minimum charge of \$1 per month will be charged. This will allow the use of 1,500 gallons in excess of this quantity, will cost the consumer an additional 25 cts. By order of the Board of Commissioners.

20 PER CENT OFF — ON ALL tires on account of discontinuing our garage business we are offering our entire stock of regular standard makes of guaranteed tires at wholesale prices. 20 per cent off list and we pay the war tax, which is equal to 25 per cent discount. They will not last long. All sizes carry 25 per cent off list. Get them as at once. Parrish-Driver Co.

JOHN W. HODGES IS BACK ON the job under the water tank and is ready to serve you again. See him for screen doors and windows, porch furniture, flower stands, etc. Old furniture repaired.

FOR SALE—HARLEY DAVIDSON motorcycle. Just been overhauled and is in good condition. See me at Hester's Mils. S. E. Ferrell 17p.

FARMS FOR SALE—I HAVE SEVERAL farms located in Harnett, Sampson and Johnston counties. If you want to buy a farm see me at once. Good location, in desirable communities. Also desirable town property for sale, including several residences. See N. B. Bell. 17.

FOR SALE—I HAVE A LOT OF Nitate of Soda for sale. See me at once for your supply. Willie Pope, Dunn, N. C. 27-4f.

SCHOOL TEACHERS WANTED WE want to communicate with a man who is competent to take charge of school as principal. Must be thoroughly competent in every way. Also lady teacher as assistant principal. We will pay your price if you are capable. Address B. G. Lee, or C. H. Tripp, Dunn, No. 5. 13-1f.

BRICK FOR SALE—CAR LOTS and retail. Dunn Development Company.

FOR SALE—100,000 BRICK. CAN make immediate delivery. C. S. Moore. 81

NOTICE — PEOPLE DESIRING homes should let their wants be known to the man who can buy a real bargain for you. See Geo. L. Cannady, the real estate man, Dunn, N. C.

BATTERY SERVICE—FOR ALL makes of starting Batteries a service that is just as thorough, just as dependable, just as painstaking for other makes of Batteries as it is for the EXIDE. USE EXIDE SERVICE REGULARLY. SMITH & McKAY.

GIVE ME YOUR ORDER FOR sand for bricklayers and plasterers. Any quantity. Jesse M. Johnson, Dunn, No. 8. 13-2f-pd.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF THE Battery on your car? If anything goes wrong with the Battery on your car come in and tell our Battery Department about it—we are sure we can remedy it and our services are at your command at all times. SMITH & McKAY.

TWO CARLOADS OF NEW FORDS expected in a few days. Never been run. Write or wire me an order before they are all gone. C. Orton, Mount Olive, N. C. 20 4f.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS—If you have property to sell, why not see the high dollar real estate man. Geo. L. Cannady.

BRICK FOR SALE—CAR LOTS and retail. Dunn Development Company.

WE HAVE THREE VERY FINE tobacco farms for sale. Well located on main highway a few miles from Lillington. Prices and terms reasonable. If interested, write Patton-Gentry Co., Lillington, N. C. 4 t 28

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE—I HAVE for sale a 4-room dwelling and six acres of land situated in Falcon, N. C. Convenient to good school and churches. If interested write to me at Townsend, Ga. 23 4t pd.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Just Received One Car Load

Atlas Cement

Which is probably the only car we will be able to get in 60 days on account of the railroad embargo on cars — for concrete and highway work

Butler Brothers
Dunn, North Carolina

Victrolas and Victor Records

We have a large stock of new Victrolas — finished in the prettiest woods and designed to match all styles of furniture.

With them we have the newest records made by the Victor Company's most noted singers and musicians.

The Victor machine is without a superior. It has few equals.

All the fine points of talking machines manufacture have been built into this machine which has stood the test service through the years since such machines became a part of the music world.

We will be glad to demonstrate these machines and these records to you.

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The Courtesy of the Bank's Officials.
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The Fair Methods that have ever prevailed.

The year 1920 will witness a strengthening of these, if it be at all possible.

To the man who has no banking connection, we now issue this invitation to connect himself with this bank. As a depositor his money is absolutely safe and as a borrower he will be accorded as liberal terms as is consistent with safe banking.

Our Facilities Are At Your Disposal

Come in and talk it over with any official of the bank. We will give you the advantage of our experience and expert knowledge if you want it.

To One With Surplus Funds

You will find no safer place for your money than our Savings Department or Time Certificates of Deposits. Liberty Bonds at present quotations are mighty attractive. We can supply your wants in either line.

Bank of Harnett
Duke, N.C.

SAFEST FOR SAVINGS

CONDENSED REPORT OF

The First National Bank

DUNN, N. C., AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 30

1920

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$889,241.68
U. S. Bonds	40,000.00
N. C. Bonds	1,000.00
Liberty Bonds	166,800.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	1,800.00
Banking House and Fixtures	51,269.22
5 per cent Redemption Fund	2,000.00
Cash on hand and due from banks	88,002.72

\$1,240,113.62

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	39,444.33
Circulation	40,000.00
Deferred Credits Federal Reserve	12,584.18
Rediscounts	233,647.09
Bills Payable (Liberty Bonds)	130,000.00
Dividend Account	3,000.00
DEPOSITS	731,438.02

\$1,240,113.62

P. S. COOPER, Pres.; G. M. TILGHMAN, Vice-Pres.;

H. B. TAYLOR, Cashier

Directors—G. M. Tilghman, John W. Draughon, Marvin Wade, Ellis Goldstein, John A. McKay, J. Lloyd Wade, P. S. Cooper

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