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Le Roi est Mort; Vive le Roi

Fifteen years a policeman—and never a hand raised against an offender, except once when he was attacked by a desperate negro.

That is the record of Dunn's new chief of police who will on the first of this month succeed U. S. Sizoo.

And it was not made in any "old glove" community where one can only show the authority of the law to maintain order.

It was made in the factory town of Durham before and since the sale of liquor became illegal and in the service of the revenue department of the Federal Government.

Neither was it made in the expense of duty—for it is said that R. Pendergrast in Durham as it was said of Big Bill Doherty in New York "he was the best chief of police the city ever had."

In spite of the fact that we would not have been averse to the appointment of a local man, we are not regretful over the appointment of Pendergrast.

We are assured that he is a man of strong character, of superior judgment, honest, courageous, sincere and dutiful.

He is mature in years and experience and we are sure will give Dunn the fullest degree of service if the citizens will permit him so to do.

It is, we fear, rather unfortunate that Mr. Pendergrast that there is some feeling of resentment over the commission's failure to regard the motion sent to them for the appointment of D. C. Albert, the local applicant.

This fact may result in the failure of some of those who are disappointed to give him that degree of cooperation he must have if his service to the town is to be satisfactory to the people and satisfying to himself.

However, we would admonish our friends who may feel this resentment that Mr. Pendergrast is in no way responsible for the commission's failure in this regard.

banking institutions in Harnett County.

Truly, we have no reason to fear the blighting hand of adversity as long as our banks are making so good a showing as this.

The Ministerial Association The Dispatch is glad to welcome among the helpful agencies of Dunn the newly formed ministerial association through which the ministers of the community hope to play a greater part in community helpfulness.

It is an institution that long has been needed in the town and we trust that it will be kept alive. Preachers are mighty valuable folk to a community. Anything that will broaden the scope of their usefulness is to be hailed with enthusiasm by all who are striving to build a worthwhile community.

Must Have Agent If the Dunn District is to be successful in its aspiration to become a great food producing region, it first must be taught how. And there is no way that it can be taught how to save through the teachings of persons who themselves know how.

So, comes now Eugene T. Draper, banker, merchant and farmer, with his proposal to aid in the employment of an agent by individuals.

The Chamber of Commerce has agreed to help Mr. Draper's idea along. The Dispatch trusts that it will let no grass grow under its feet in the meantime.

What Are You Going To Do? What have you done, what are you going to do, what do you intend to do for your Chamber of Commerce?

Some of you have done much and will continue to do much. Some of you have done nothing—except censure, perhaps—and probably never will do anything.

Here, as in every other community of North Carolina, the burden of carrying on has fallen upon the shoulders of a small body of men who recognize in their town an agency through which they and their posterity are to prosper or fall according to what they put into that town.

However, there are some who will never help. Really, no help is expected of them. They are the vultures of the community. There are, though, many who will help and want to help if they are convinced that they can do so through the Chamber of Commerce.

Such as these seem to look upon the chamber as a thing apart from themselves—a thing that "you fellows" are trying to put over. Their perspective is out of kilter; their state of mind is wrong.

The Chamber of Commerce is not a private enterprise. It is designed to help you—whether you help it or not. Its prime and sole object is to aid Dunn's development.

During the present year the activities of the chamber will be greater than ever before because there is more for it to do.

try. It is the office of the chamber of commerce to tackle these problems. If you have any good ideas as to how the tackling is to be done, get into the organization.

LITTLE OLD DUNN With Apologies to McIntyre, of Little Old New York

Thoughts while strolling about the town: midnight at Broad and Railroad. Nipper lurking in the shadows of Goldstein's waiting to speed the last drunk on his way when he comes from the cafe—or to give him a night's lodging in the goal.

It is a lonesome old town after midnight its streets peopled only with marauding alley cats and wailing dogs prowling on their nightly visits to the garbage cans.

Dan E. Brown, representing Washington and Lee University and now in the field to interest people of North Carolina in a project to build and equip a building in which is to be established the Robert E. Lee School of Journalism as a memorial to the great chief who helped to establish the university in 1869.

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Report of the Condition of THE BANK OF HARNETT At Duke and Costs in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, December 31, 1921.

Table with columns for Assets (Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, United States Bonds, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital Stock, Surplus Fund, etc.).

Back yonder in 1903 or thereabout Charles U. Skinner was chief of police of the town of Dunn—and the town had never had a better nor has it had a better since.

Hist! 'Tis a mystery; a deep and dark mystery! Suspects are many but clues are few.

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New Year resolutions may be reasonable. More folk have been drinking water since Christmas than ever before.

However it happened, the fact remains that the municipal well went dry yesterday afternoon. And without warning, at that.

Superintendent Bissell hot-footed to the scene of the trouble. Mayor Wade was summoned from Lillington where he was about to grace the jury box with his august presence.

After hours of work Old Faithful was put back together. About 7 o'clock she was started in motion. Andureka! There was water! But the mystery of who had it and where it hid with us.

To guard against a repetition of the theft the mayor and other officials will have Old Faithful watched day and night until the new pump at the well under the water tank is recommended. Mechanics from the pump factories are expected here this week to put it together.

Business Failures in 1921 Totalled 19,652 New York, Jan. 7.—Business failures in the United States during 1921 numbered 19,652, with a total indebtedness of \$637,401,883 as compared with 9,881 in 1920.

The number of failures last year ranked next to the 1915 total of 22,000, and the indebtedness was the heaviest on record.

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