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WHO SAYS WE ARE POOR

Including that valiant host, Old Flivver, Harnett County has one automobile for every sixteenth inhabitant. Still, there are those who say we are poor—that we haven't the necessities of life. There are about five persons in every family in the county. There is, then, one automobile for about every third family—and when this year's cotton crop is put on the market, the rest of them are expected to provide themselves with a boat.

BURSTING BUBBLES

In the good old days when the turbulent tide of wealth surged all about us one of our favorite pastimes was blowing bubbles. Many of these bubbles have crystallized and become actual accomplishments; some have burst into nothingness. We had great visions for the wealth that was about us. One of these visions was a railroad connecting Dunn with Salisbury, Roseboro and, eventually, some coast town.

THE HERRIN ATROCITY

We have just finished perusing a pamphlet sent out by the coal mine operators concerning the atrocity at Herrin, Illinois, when probably fifty strike breakers after surrender were massacred. Of course it is to be expected that the operators should place the blame before the public in its worst light. Still here can be no justification for the union miners.

BETTER TELEPHONE SERVICE

The Chamber of Commerce at last is about to get better telephone service for Dunn. Last week Secretary Riddle was in conference with prominent officials of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company and was given a promise of relief from conditions which have made the company exceedingly unpopular with patrons here.

THE HOTEL PROJECT

Nearly fifty years ago the town of Warrenton invested some thousands of dollars in building a little railroad to connect the town with the Raleigh and Gaston—now the Seaboard—at Warren Plains, three miles away. The building of that road was an after thought. The promoters of the Raleigh and Gaston wanted to bring their road to Warrenton, but the conservative folk of the old town held that the smoke and dirt of a railroad was not wanted there.

With this \$10,000 annually the town can pay the interests on the bonds and insurance and upkeep and still have \$3,000 left. This sum laid aside for twenty years in a bank and not drawing any more interest than present town funds draw, will amount to only \$60,000. But, if invested in Home Building and Loan Association stock it will grow to about \$170,000 in twenty years. So invested it will permit the association to make loans amounting to more than a quarter of a million dollars in that period, permitting the building of 100 homes costing \$2,500 each.

Twenty years from now not be the end. The rental of the property twenty years from now should be as much or more than it would be ten years from now. Then the town would have \$10,000 to place with the building and loan association each year. There is no end to what the project can do for the community.

Somebody suggests that the town will have outgrown the hotel in 20 years. We hope it will. If so, the hotel property will be worth several times the sum the town pays for it. Before the bonds for such a project can be issued a special act of the legislature must be passed. The Dispatch would like to hear from citizens of Dunn who may wish to express any opinion of the plan.

When a company came along and organized itself to build this road we felt that we were well along the road to the realization of this dream. But we were all wrong. The big national bubble collapsed and with it went our little bubbles—including the railroad. For months after the collapse came we were hopeful that this particular bubble would be salvaged from the wreck. But it was to be so.

Today the stockholders and directors of the Roanoke and Seaboard Railroad Company are meeting here to be present at the burial of the company. It is being dissolved. Our biggest bubble has burst. Supposedly dependent over business worries, W. Arthur Gasque, for many years a photographer here, killed himself in Hamlet this morning, according to a message received by relatives here. His only daughter, Miss Thelma Gasque, is visiting here in the home of her uncle, W. J. Hodges. He is survived, too, by his wife. Funeral arrangements had not completed when this was written. It is believed, however, that burial will be made here.

Miss Mildred Shell is visiting friends in Smithfield.

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continuous service on Sunday. The absence of such service has been the main cause for complaint against the company.

TAX RATE 1921 CONTINUED THIS YEAR BY BOARD

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It is ordered by the Board of Commissioners of Harnett County, that treasurers of township road commissions and other public treasurers receiving funds from this board or from taxes levied by this board, submit to the County Auditor for presentation to this Board, a quarterly report of receipts and disbursements, subscribed and sworn to as required by law, the said reports to be dated February 28th, May 31st, August 31st, and November 30th of each year, and to include all transactions for the three months ending with these dates.

Such reports shall show the amount of cash and securities in the hands of the board at the beginning of the period, each sum of money received, from whom received and for what account; each sum of money paid out, the date paid out, to whom paid and for what purpose, and the amount of cash and securities on hand at the close of the period.

The report shall also show any amount that may have been set aside as a sinking fund for the retirement of bonds, or other purposes, and if any funds have been loaned or invested in securities of any kind, the report shall describe the securities or state to whom the loan has been made and how secured.

The treasurer of each commission

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of fund shall keep full itemized vouchers or paid bank checks covering all disbursements, and the money shall be paid out except upon orders or checks signed by a majority of the commissioners or upon orders legally entered in the minute book of the commission.

Such reports shall be delivered to the County Auditor on or before the 15th of the month following the end of the period which they cover, and immediately upon receipt of such reports the County Auditor shall make such examination of said reports as he may see fit to make, or as this Board may direct, and submit the report with written comment thereon to the next meeting of this board.

Upon demand of the County Auditor such treasurers shall promptly submit to him at his office in the courthouse for audit and examination all paid vouchers, paid checks, bank statements, books of account, minute books and other papers having to do with the receipt and payment of moneys of the commission, all such books and papers shall be promptly returned to the treasurer presenting them.

The County Auditor shall also be permitted to examine if any time any moneys on hand or in bank, securities or negotiable instruments evidencing the investment of funds belonging to the commission.

Upon failure to file the report as herein called for within the time prescribed, the County Auditor shall so notify this Board at its next meeting, and such failure to report will be considered good cause for the immediate removal from office of the treasurer, commissioner or commission so failing to report.

The Clerk of this Board is directed to forthwith furnish a copy of this resolution to the chairman and treasurer of each commission, or board to which this resolution may apply.—Harnett County News.

BURDENS OF LIFE ON SHOULDERS OF FEW, GOWIN SAYS (Continued from page 1)

change, will do a larger business this year than the Standard Oil Company, and that its business will be exceeded only by the Steel Trust. And it will not be long before this business organization, of farmers by farmers, and for the benefit of farmers and all the rest of the folk will be the biggest business this country has ever seen.

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what the cooperative cotton marketing movement, and the work of the tobacco organizations, and of all the rest of the cooperative marketing associations, means to the business man and the banker, as well as to the communities in which it is practiced.

"Some of this has come within my personal observation during my residence of nine years in California, and my investigations since that time, some by my person familiarity with the cooperative cotton marketing movement during my three years direct connection with it, and some from some documentary evidence that I have or have seen.

"I can tell you from personal observation that I saw the town of Fresno, California when it was the deadest town in the country, and I have seen it since it became, through the operation of the rain association the wealthiest city of its size in the United States; and have seen its tremendous growth. I have seen that district when a vineyard was a drug on the market, expensive at any price and worth when a buyer could be found at all, not more than \$150 per acre, and I have seen it ten years later, when the cheapest yielding vineyard was worth ten times that price, and from that to fifteen times, and was not for sale at that.

"I was there when the growers were getting 1-1/2c per pound when it cost 2c to make them, and I have been there when the growers were getting an average of better than 12c per pound. What these things mean to the banker and the business man needs no diagram.

"I am personally acquainted with men who used to get red ink freight bills from their shipments of oranges when the ownership of an orange

On August 15th, Miss Sue Smith will return from McMinnville, Tenn., where she has been trying a post graduate course at the Southern School of Photography, her studio, which is now fully equipped will be re-opened on that date.

grove was a liability, and have seen those same men made more than prosperous through the operation of the California Fruit Growers Exchange, and their communities likewise.

"Why, I know men in California that went so broke being farmers in the state of California, before the days of successful cooperation, that they had to take jobs as policemen and street car conductors.

"Now I am going to quote you what some of the bankers think about this thing in the states where it has operated.

"And now we will apply all this to Dunn, and see if we can figure out how the operation of the cotton association is going to benefit your town. How many bales of cotton are raised in your territory? 45,000!

"All right, right here in Mr. Townsend's warehouse the government of the United States is conducting an

experiment to see how much damage is done to Dunn cotton by leaving it out in the weather here. The average, if I am any judge, will run far and beyond the general average of ten dollars per bale, some of them were a third gone. But on the basis of ten dollars per bale this community, if all its cotton were handled by the association, would be saved 45,000 bales times a minimum of \$10 per bale, or \$450,000, which would be quite a tidy sum to have placed in your banks and spent with your merchants, over and above what is spent now. For associations do not have country damage.

"In your community I have seen some of the best cotton in the South, and I have just crossed the entire South. Many of the smaller farmers are trying to produce a good class of cotton, but under the old system they received no premium."

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