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"CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PUBLICITY EDITION GAINING SUPPORT OF ALL LEADING BUSINESS CONCERNS HERE"

It may not be generally known here, and perhaps no one in this section has thought of inquiring the status of the south as a drawing card for people who are on the lookout for better conditions, and also to what proportion people from other states and other countries are being attracted to the south. Those of an inquiring mind could very readily be amazed with the immense immigration to the southern territory, as any industrial agent of the southern railway could testify. It is a fact that they receive hundreds of inquiries for prices of land, its fertility and whether small farms can be obtained at all. These inquiries are immediately communicated to the Board of Trade, or Chamber of Commerce throughout the south, and should be immediately followed up; but the pity of it is that so few small towns take any notice of these letters of information, and they are thrown into the waste paper basket. This has led many industrial agents to eliminate the small towns from their lists.

who wish to come within our community. That a full and detailed report of our community may be concisely infused into the columns of this edition, a special representative has been here for some days assisting in the proper preparation of the proposed edition. The Chamber of Commerce Publicity Edition will set forth the many advantages that Farmville and community has over others for investors and homeseekers. The status of every phase of our community life will be set forth by local gentlemen, (through the Farmville Community Chamber of Commerce) whose ability to deal with the various subjects cannot be questioned. We propose to make you better acquainted with the men who have worked for the prosperity of Farmville and community, and in order that it may accomplish its best results every one of the business interests of this town and section ought to be represented, but is impossible, without some cost to some one. The enterprise would

bring into this town from the north and west, who are leaving farms that cost from two hundred to three hundred dollars an acre) would be most beneficial to populate. Let Farmville and community, at least be more progressive, now that we have one of the liveliest wide-awake Chamber of Commerce in the State, let the outside world know that we are on the lookout for new settlers, that we have inducement to offer them to locate in this section.

If you would see this community grow into a more prosperous and a greater town, join with The Enterprise, and the Farmville Community Chamber of Commerce in putting our advantages squarely before the outside world. Are You Going Backward Or Forward? Ask yourself this Important Question.

The Brimful Waste of Food. One day last week the city of New York dumped into the sea 960,000 pounds of food, which had been condemned as unfit to eat. This just a small percentage of the total amount of food which this great city has to throw away every year because it is allowed to spoil in transit. Every other city has the same thing to happen in amount relative to the size of the place. Consider the vast amount of wastage this means. Think of the advance in the price of the commodities which are marketable in order to make up for this annual loss. It would be easy to feed millions of people in this country on the food which the nation wastes through carelessness and extravagance. It is a fact that in some vessels carrying onions from Europe to this country that the foodstuff (?)

has been placed in the bottom of the ships covered with a layer of cork and avarched under the pile of commerce, which the ship also carried. Naturally the onions, without ventilation, rotted when the air was kept from them. It is said to be the same with lemons, grapes and various other commodities. While the railroads make special efforts to take care of the foodstuff which they transport, yet in spite of their ventilated cars, vast quantities of potatoes, cabbages, bananas and other farm produce still on its way from the producer to the consumer. When this loss is cut down you may hear about the high cost of living.

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BILL TO RELIEVE FARMVILLE TOWNSHIP OF PUBLIC ROAD DUTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact Section 1. That on and after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and seventeen, the citizens of Farmville Township shall not be liable for personal road service within the meaning of sections two thousand seven hundred and fifteen and two thousand seven hundred and twenty-six of the Revised Statutes of nineteen hundred and seven.

Section 2. That sections one thousand seven hundred and fifteen and two thousand seven hundred and twenty-six of the Revised Statutes of nineteen hundred and seven be so far as they relate to the personal road service of the citizens of Farmville Township, North Carolina, be and they are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Section 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

A little boy and a hatchet can chop up what it took nature twenty-five years to grow. Likewise the hate of nations can destroy the world's fabric which it will take centuries to rebuild.

The other neutrals of the world don't seem to want to back up the United States very strongly, but we must remember that they are not in a position to face the wrath of the Teutonic nation.

About this time of the year we see signs of an enormous crop of American patriotic poetry, so we beg to advise our readers that poetry writing is a dangerous thing, which should be avoided as long as possible. Even when the author escapes the people still suffer.

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BOY KILLS BROTHER IN SELF DEFENSE

Farmville, Feb. 26.—A fatal shooting took place Saturday afternoon in the Folkland section of the county when Sam Drake, a mulatto, shot and killed his brother, Jim Drake. The shooting took place at the home of Jim Drake where Jim had his gun for the express purpose of killing his brother.

The trouble first started in the morning when Jim, who had been discharged from serving a road sentence for killing a negro, became involved at his brother for some cause and knocked him down. Sam got up and ran to his gun, and with his sister's help, he ran for home as fast as he could. When he reached there he barricaded himself in his room and demanded entrance and when it was refused he went down the door and pointed his gun to his brother's head. Sam grabbed his gun and fired, the lead of shot striking Jim in the throat, the bullet passing through the jugular vein and causing instant death.

The body was held in the home until the verdict of the jury was reached, which was that the shooting was in self defense.

SAVING THE DAYLIGHT.

In the stress of the European war many innovations have been born, and among them the familiar "daylight saving" plan, which consists of deliberately setting all clocks an hour or more ahead at a certain time in the spring, in order to gain more of the sun's rays, thereby preventing the consumption of coal to make artificial light. Later in the fall, the clock is pushed back an hour, and the correct time regained.

Take this locality, for example. In the spring and summer most of us continue to sleep at least an hour or so after the sun has brought complete daylight. Likewise, most of us continue to stay awake an hour or so after the withdrawal of the same rays has left us in the dark. If we had gotten up one hour earlier we would have had an hour more of daylight, but we could not have completed our day, dependent as it is on others, any quicker. But if we push our clock ahead one hour, and everybody in the community gets up at the same clock-

time (but an hour earlier by sun-time) we would finish our usual day when the sun was one hour higher than otherwise. In other words, we would have saved an hour of daylight.

The idea has much to commend it. Germany was the first to adopt it, and twelve other nations followed her example. Now, the Borland bill before Congress provides that at two a. m. on the last Sunday in April all clocks be pushed one hour back—that is, to their rightful place. This gives clerks and others working in stores a longer afternoon. It should help the baseball season, it should give more recreative enjoyment to thousands.

FOOD RIOTS IN AMERICA

We have been reading of the food riots in Europe, but few of us have ever considered that this country would soon go through the same experience. We have been reading of increased wealth as the exports to the warring nations toppled higher each week than ever before and somehow we were, or at least, we thought we were living in a nation where the people would not be troubled with financial difficulties.

This may be true of those who own the munition factories but in New York the other day three even fired shots of the wagons. Women clashed time and again with the police and hundreds of them thronged the steps of the city hall in an effort to protest to the mayor against the food speculators.

What happened in New York may happen in other cities and probably will. Every man in the country who has been living on a fixed wage has seen his money melt away as he paid for his weekly foodstuff. One wage earner says every time he pays his bill something has gone up, and observing men know that this is the truth.

Just where the rise in prices will end no one can tell but it is more than apparent that the condition of the poorer classes are getting harder and that the pinch of poverty is being felt over the country. All investigation into the high cost of living is planned but what seems to be needed most of all is a system of distribution which will prevent the loss of vast amounts of food. Some means must be found so that the products of the farms can be placed in the cities rapidly and in good condition. It is a task which must be solved before the phantoms of food riots will end.

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The weather man keeps us guessing.

COUNTY BOY MARKSMAN U.S. MARINES

By hitting the bulls eye with unerring skill from the standing, kneeling, or sitting position, Rodney E. Barwick of Grifton, this county, has qualified as a marksman in the United States Marine Corps, winning the badge of marksmanship and an increase of pay, according to an official bulletin from Washington.

This keen-eyed man received his preliminary instruction in gunnery at the Port Royal training station, and when but little more than a novice, he made an excellent score at "slow and rapid" fire. He was recently transferred aboard the big dreadnaught Arkansas, now somewhere on the Atlantic, alert and ready to answer a call in the defense of the United States.

Rodney, who is a son of John H. Barwick, of Grifton, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at its Philadelphia recruiting station on Oct. 10, 1916.

The Flowers of Spring.

The person who does not yearn for a yard of blooming flowers when vitality creeps into growing plants is a strange human being. Yet how few of us realize the fulfillment of his desire in

their homes, but the number who make the effort are woefully few, and those who do, usually make a few mad spurges and then discontinue their efforts. This town would be more beautiful if every home owner would try to beautify the premises and keep something blooming in the yard every week of the year. It is said that the gloomy weather of some countries has had a depressing effect upon the natures of their people and it is also true that the brightness of a man's home may pervade the spirit of his whole life. A smile within the home, a growing, blooming plant without, can go a long way to creating happiness in this old world. Why not get ready to try it?

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