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People should help each other all they can. The merchants owe bills which must be paid. Farmers owe accounts at stores. So to settle matters all should try to borrow money on cotton stored to pay all the pressing debts.

People should gather and carefully save their cotton crops. They should store and insure it against loss by fire, and they should borrow money on it to pay as much as possible on their debts, when there are debts against it, but it should not be sold at present prices.

We do not agree to this from county seat to county seat system of road building, because of necessity it will cause a neglect of all other roads for a long period, and then the expense of such roads as are contemplated will lay too heavy a burden of taxes upon our people. If they will raise the money by a wheel tax, we offer no further objection.

That real estate will bear a heavier proportion of taxes than other property under revaluation none deny, but they say this is right, for lands have been undervalued. We doubt this for property is valuable according to its earning of net gains for its owner. Take the last six years, two lean and four fat, two of which were the best ever known, two others very good, and the lean '14 and the bad '20, without a change, and farms have not earned a dividend for their owners. True, they have bought automobiles, and have ridden, but when they have sold this crop, they will just about owe for their automobiles and their riding.

THAT HAMLET MESS.

The Raeford high school football team went over to Hamlet last Thursday afternoon to play a game with the Hamlet high school team, but decisions by the referee, and interference by spectators were such the Raeford boys left the field, and the aforesaid referee announced the game forfeited to Hamlet 1 to 0. The score stood 6 to 6 when the game was stopped.

They were given such a raw deal by the officials of the game the matter was appealed to E. R. Rankin of Chapel Hill, who in some way is a promoter of high school athletics, and who, while not possessing official power, has the power of suggestion of fairness in these contests, but statements and affidavits by the Hamlet people, which will be proven untrue, seemed to have rendered that official a moral paralytic.

We do not care anything for dishonest contests. Such are not sport, and can only debase those who engage in them. Nothing is gained where honor is lost sight of, and while Hamlet is still in the race for the State high school football championship, and Raeford has been eliminated, and that by a team which stands not a ghost of a chance to win in a fair game, still the truth of the matter, though crushed in Raleigh, will rise again.

If athletics are practiced to develop rascality, to produce perfidy in humility, to promulgate dishonesty, untruthfulness and depravity, we are on the way in North Carolina.

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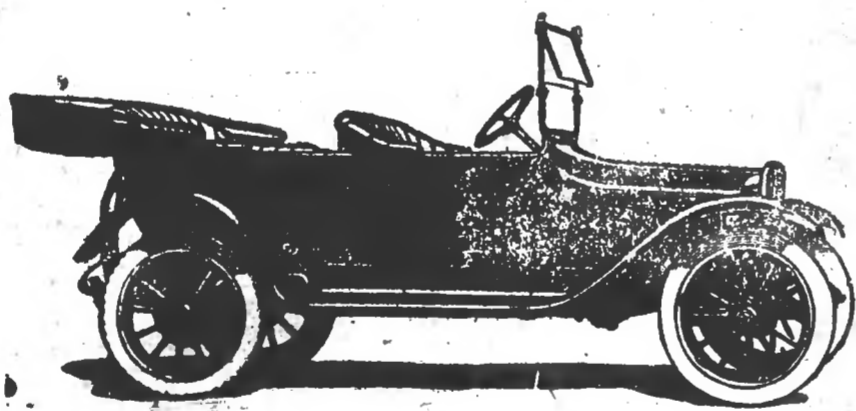
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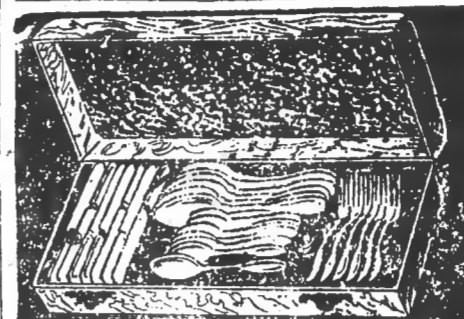


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