



HOPE FOR THE SPRING. All minds are concentrated now on the one optimistic hope that things will "pick up" in the spring. Spring is the authentic time for new life and this spring is, in the minds of most of us, not only authentic but is a sort of last chance. There is a general hope that industries will resume their full time operation, thus giving work to unemployed thousands and by work, giving them purchasing power to clean the business houses and approach the steps that lead to recovery.

Cotton growers will keep an anxious eye on the cotton mills as the best indicator of whether the farmers cotton will be in better demand next Fall. Already promising signs are evident. The president of the Hudson Motor Company is quoted as saying that he believes that the spring will see the return of manufacturers to full time work and as evidence that he believes is planning the re-employment of 2500 workers who were "laid off" last Fall. Following this idea have come the great number of North Carolina mills which have adopted a five or six day week, in contrast with the three day work of the Fall and winter. A better demand for the product of the mills is seen, and is a natural result of the curtailment in production. It is not reasonable for the richest nation in the world to have a large proportion of its population in the clutches of financial stress. Here's to the time when, under the complete recovery of business we may see the revival of summer Baseball leagues, stores crowded with toys at Christmas and faces blessed with happy smiles.

THE CHECKS for the fifteen cent cotton delivered to the Co-op in Raeford last fall, have been mailed out to Hoke County farmers. This loyalty to last year's promises on the part of the Co-operative Association is valuable in restoring the confidence of the members. Reports have been going around that no more money would be forthcoming from last year's deliveries. However, in spite of the fact that cotton is now worth only ten cents, the Association hopes to avoid loss on this fifteen cent cotton by turning it over to the stabilization organization, which will hold it until cotton returns at least to the approximate level of last year. Farmers who are planning to follow the association's advice to cut acreage, should make the cut generous to allow for the 1,300,000 bales of last year's crop, now stored in the warehouses of the Stabilization Corporation.

STATE ORNAMENT. Citizens who are proud of the past accomplishments of North Carolina and North Carolinians, should take any opportunity they have to view the now-functioning Duke University. Over-shadowed by stately pines, beautiful winding roads lead now to the entrance of what will soon be one of the most beautiful and useful

educational institutions in the world. No expense has been spared in making the university beautiful. Every detail is complete, or is completely planned. Following closely the style of the old monastery and cathedral structure in Europe, the campus is in the form of a cross, with beautiful buildings enclosing velvet smooth lawn and rugged walks, built of slabs of slate more than four feet square. Most universities are collected bit by bit, here a chapel, there a dormitory, with the necessity of infinite pains to unite the architecture and material. But here is a university, sprung up almost overnight, stadium, classroom, hospital, library, all built harmoniously and at one time. Backed by every resource a university could desire, Duke is sure in time to become one of the great educational centers of the nation and one to which every North Carolinian can bring any visitor with a sense of pride. And one of the happiest features, which some may overlook, is that the beautiful setting of pines in which the university has been placed, makes it now and for all time, unmistakably North Carolinian.

NOVEMBER. The bouncing discs of a grain drill, moving through soft loam like soldiers in line... the resigned look on the face of a hog in a pen... a kingfisher darting into the water and coming up with empty beak... there is something familiar in that process... a waiter in a cafe in Fayetteville who carries a plate of soup as if he were carrying the destiny of the world... cotton fields that look like a briar patch through which girls in white dresses have passed... automobile headlights shining through the rain as night falls... oak leaves settling on a cows back... a pointer puppy smelling timorously the smog end of an ejected shell... Howard Rogers is Number 34 on the Duke Freshman squad... Joe Cox, of Laurinburg, an old high school opponent of Howard showed up on the Carolina Fresh squad... Alex Snead was doing well when he hurt his knee... Raeford's last game for 1930 this week.

THANKSGIVING VERSUS PROSPERITY. There is something in careless prosperity that works against Thanksgiving. There is something in strained situations that fosters the true observance of this very fine spirited holiday. You have already heard people say that this will not be much of a Thanksgiving. Tell them you believe they are wrong.

Search back through the annals of your memory and try to pick out that last Thursday in November when you think you most truly observed the real spirit of this traditional spiritual stock-taking. Do you find that you were filled with humble thankfulness in those days when crops were good, money was easy and the holiday provided looked for opportunity to fare forth on the

highway or feast the relatives in Southern splendor? Or was your latest Thanksgiving one during the Great War, with every newspaper spreading the list of casualties through the land, and every day cutting deeper into the resources of the country, all the people united to thank God for the success that He had given to our arms and the privilege of making sacrifices for a cause worthy of devotion and sacrifice?

Unfortunately the spirit of Thanksgiving does not thrive in ground that is over-rich. Extreme prosperity brings on independence and forgetful self-reliance. Blessings mount up in a golden heap that hides from view the source from which they come. Like the primitive hunter in the Bible, who killed his deer, roasted it, ate it and then lay down by his fire, Prosperity says, "Aha, I am warm," and soon sleeps without giving thanks.

A thankful spirit does not view the blessings of life and ignore the troubles. It takes them both in with a clear mind and a sure sense of the value of every quality of life. Consider the, the spirit of the first Thanksgiving, a Thanksgiving conceived by a group of exiles, living in a little white scar in a great emerald wilderness. Measured by the speed with which our ships cross the ocean now, these Pilgrims were removed from home more than 28,000 miles, more than the circumference of the earth. The winter before sickness had worked terrible destruction in their little band. They were homesick, alone, beset by murderous savages, one stake driven in at the edge of a colossal wilderness. (With admirable fortitude they faced all this; no individual in the company could help but know it. Nevertheless they proclaimed a Thanksgiving season and returned grateful acknowledgement of the blessing of the departure of the plague, the first crops, and the friendliness of a handful of Indians. Theirs was the homely but worthy philosophy of "things could be a whole lot worse.")

While we approach the coming Thanksgiving season with many features of life listing badly to one side, it should be a time when, stripped of the forgetfulness that comes of cups full and running over, we should weigh in our minds the things that might have happened. May this be a Thanksgiving that will see the return of the old hardy spirit that gave thanks when less courageous spirits would have moaned. The bunting has been stripped off of things here lately and this should be at least a Thanksgiving thoughtful and sincere.

The Allegheny County Mutual Farmers Exchange has recently purchased 2,000 bags of cottonseed meal for its members to feed cattle this winter and plans to purchase another 1,000 bags shortly.

Bridegroom, in poetic frenzy, as they stroll along the beach. "Roll on, thou dark and deep blue ocean; roll!"

Bride: "Oh, Gerald, how wonderful you are. It's doing it, really."

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NEWS CONDENSED FOR BUSY READERS

In Cuba, dissatisfaction with the government in force, generally conceded to be incited by communist forces, caused serious trouble in Havana. Demonstrations were ordered stopped and as a gesture of disapproval of this mandate, mobs, of which a large part were student enthusiasts, wrecked stores and caused general disturbance in the business sections of Havana. To control this situation, President Machado ordered the city under martial law and the mobs were dispersed by policemen and soldiers, in the course of the conflict, a few people being wounded. The following day affairs had quieted down and the prospects were that the martial law would be shortly lifted. Government officials attributed the disturbance to communist agitators and promised prompt investigation and prosecution.

The DO-X, largest flying boat in the world, is cruising about over the coast of Europe, preparing for a flight to U. S. this week. The DO-X has twelve motors atop her broad wings, and is in reality a flying boat, cruising either in the air or in the water. The failure of four motors on Friday of last week caused the boat to come down to the water and sail for fifty miles on the surface, between England and Bordeaux. The flight which is about to be attempted will be a monster step in aviation because of the size of the ship and the number of passengers which it can carry. A successful flight will pave the way for real air transport service across the Atlantic.

In consumption of automobiles, A plan is being studied whereby yearly buying of auto licenses and yearly changing of numbers will be eliminated. Z. V. Kendrick, of Charlotte, is the originator of the plan which would provide for a standard number for each auto driver, which would be his and remain his year after year. All licenses, regardless of the kind of car will be the same price, much lower than the present prices, it is planned, and the difference in state highway revenue will be made up by addition to the gasoline tax. This plan would eliminate the yearly necessity of securing a license, would make identifi-

cation of cars easier for the owner due to growing familiarity with his number, and would produce the necessary revenue by the slight addition to the gas tax. It will also reduce the consumption of shoe box lids that are yearly used for "license applied for" tags.

In Eastern North Carolina the extensive work of trucks in hauling tobacco has made it necessary for the railroads to take steps, before the business which they formerly monopolized be taken away from them. A plan is on foot with the officials of the Atlantic Coast Line and the Norfolk and Southern Railways to make a thirty per cent cut in freight rates on tobacco, in order to better hold their business in this field. Automobiles have ruined the passenger business in this field. Automobiles have ruined the passenger business of the small railroad lines and trucks are fast doing the same thing to the freight business.

Serve Pork Fresh By Using Canner

Fresh Pork, formerly available on most farms at hog killing time only, may now be made available throughout the year by using the pressure canner.

This is how Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, food conservation expert at State College tells how to do it:

Select fresh, clean meat without fat and cook for serving without over-cooking. Season lightly with salt and pepper. Remove the bones, because this reduces the processing time. Cut the meat into pieces suitable for serving and pack while still hot into clean, sterilized cans

or jars. Cooking the meat before canning brings out its flavor and shrinks it so that more can be put into a can.

Now use the pressure canner only. Other methods are unsafe. However, either tin cans or glass jars may be used.

Where tin cans are used, pack them tightly to within three-fourths of an inch of the top and seal before processing. In using glass jars be sure to wipe off all the grease or fat as this causes the rubbers to disintegrate. Fill the jars in the same manner as the tin cans. Do not screw down the screw top jars nor press down the spring on the glass top jars.

Use fifteen pounds of pressure and process for 45 minutes without counting the time when the pressure is reaching fifteen pounds. Where bones are left in the meat, the time must be doubled. Let the canner cool and the pressure return to zero before attempting to take the cans from the canner. Remove the jars one at a time and seal tightly as they are removed.

Canned meats are more attractive if no liquid is added to the pack, says Mrs. Morris. Following the methods given will permit of fresh pork for table use throughout the year rather than at the short period following hog killing.

Signs over a drug store fountain:

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